

# **Mezametara Chikashitsu!?**

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**If I Wake Up, It's a Cellar?!**  
**~The Future of the Reincarnated Girl's Dream~**

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**Child of Taboo**

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## – STORY –

One day, a girl who was aiming to become a doctor in order to repay the favor to the orphanage which was taking care of her died halfway in the realizing of her dream.

As soon as she died, she woke up...

Eh, I'm alive? But, my body got smaller and I don't know where I am!?

Someone... please tell me~!

# PROLOGUE

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Today is an important day for me, Tsukino Sayo.

When I was small, I was abandoned by my parents, and since then, I have been living in an orphanage.

The orphanage's director Tsukino Gen is my Foster Father, and his wife Tsukino Shizu is my Foster Mother. I have been carefully raised together with my best friend walking beside me is Tsukino Akari and other siblings.

The orphanage is located in a place away from the city with a plenty of nature around. We were often running around~ The neighbors are also kind to us.

But, there's no hospital close by, it's really troublesome walking two hours to the nearest one.

Therefore, in order to be even a little useful to our foster parents, becoming doctors and opening a business next to the orphanage is my and Akari-chan's dream.

Today is the first step towards our dream, the announcement of results of the medical university exams.

"Ugh~ I'm so nervous~ Akari-chan is not nervous?"

"What good would being nervous at this point be? Aren't we just going to see the results today?"

"I mean~"

"I did what I could, so I will definitely pass♪ But, I don't know about Sayo~ I'm afraid you'd mess up even the simplest things..."

"How cruel~ I also did it properly!"

"Yes, yes. Look, we have arrived"

When we arrived at the university, because there were many people who came to see the announcement of the results, we have split and searched for our numbers.

After a short while, Akari-chan walked to my side.

"Sayo, how was it? I have naturally passed"

—*Poro*—*poroporo*

Tears came out when I heard Akari-chan's words.

"Eh, why are you crying!? Surely not"

"It's there... it's there~ Akari-cha~n... gusu... with this, the two of us... we can reach our dream"

"Seriously, you have scared me... In the first place, this is just the announcement of results, you will have to work hard from now on... both of us. There, stop crying. We have to report to Foster Father and Foster Mother!"

"Gusu... un!"

Urged by Akari-chan, we called foster parents.

Both Foster Father and Foster Mother were delighted and decided to celebrate with everyone when we return.

Because it's far from the orphanage, it will be night if we don't return quickly.

"Akari-chan, let's quickly return! There's a feast today"

"Hey, Sayo! I understand, so stop dragging me!"

We run towards the station in haste... to the orphanage where everyone is waiting... but, that day, I wasn't able to return to everyone...



"...Sayo! Sayo! Hold up!! The ambulance will come right away!"

Akari-chan, is shouting something... huh? Is she crying?

"Akari-chan?... What's wrong?... Don't cry..."

I wonder what's going on? I can't talk properly... My eyelids feel somewhat heavy.

"Sayo! I beg you!"

"Sor... sleep..."

"You can't! Don't close your eyes! Sayo————"

Akari-chan is saying something, but her voice doesn't reach me... I'm sorry, I'm really sleepy... I will hear you out when I wake up, please don't be angry.....

# CHAPTER 1

## WHEN I WOKE UP, AN UNKNOWN ROOM?

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(Ugh~ So cold~ I wonder if Akari-chan pulled the blanket off of me again~ Even though I'm still sleepy~)

"Akari-cha~n, let me sleep for a little bit more"

There was no answer to my words.

(Huh? Nothing is happening... even though she usually wakes me up by force... is she perhaps angry I have fallen asleep on the way yesterday!?)

—*Gaba*

"Sorry, Akari-chan! I'm properly woken up!!"

Again, no answer.

When I looked around,

"...Huh? Nobody is here... rather, it's somewhat dark, where is this?"

(This is not my room, and it also doesn't look like other rooms in the orphanage... is this... cloth? It seems I was sleeping on a cloth... no wonder it's cold. Light too, it's dark because there's no electricity, just one lamp...)

When I looked around again, I found a door.

"It's door!? First of all, let's try going out~"

I rushed towards the door and stretched my hand towards the doorknob, but I wasn't able to reach, that was possible only barely as I stood on my tiptoes, but when I turned the doorknob.

—*Gacha, gacha*

"It's not opening... it seems to be locked"

(I can't leave, huh~... nevertheless, isn't the door too oversized since I can't reach it unless tiptoeing?... Wait? Perhaps, it's not the door is big)

I move in panic towards the lamp and check my body.

What I saw under the light of the lamp was a child-like, small body.

(As I thought!?... I became a child? But, why? Yesterday, I went to the university for the announcement of results, and then I got really sleepy on the way home, didn't I~... tte, that's not it! Even I wouldn't fall asleep while walking... probably...)

In order to calm down, I sat down on the cloth on which I was sleeping and carefully tried recalling yesterday.

(If I'm not mistaken, I have collided with a man on the way to the station and fell down because of stomach pain, right... after that, I got really sleepy... Akari-chan was crying)

"...I, was I perhaps stabbed?... Then, have I died?... But, I'm here... I became a child, though... I might be just sleeping and having a dream"

In order to ascertain whether this is a dream or not, I have pinched my cheek as strongly as possible.

"Ouch!?... Since I feel pain, this is not a dream?"

Because I wouldn't understand even if I thought about it, I decided to search the room to gather information.

—*Gasa, gasa*—*Gasa, gasa*

"N~ There's nothing in particular... rather, it's too empty..."

There's only the cloth I was sleeping on, a chair and a table, quill pen and a bunch of papers, something that resembles a toilet and a bookshelf.

"There's quite a lot of books... yosh! There might be something in a book"

I decided to check the books.





## CHAPTER 2

# DIFFERENT WORLD? REINCARNATION?

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—*Para...para*—*Patan*

After that, I sat down on the chair, and read the books, relying on the lamp.

“Fuu~ let’s take a break for little. There’s a lamp, but my eyes are too tired because there’s not enough light”

I rubbed my eyes and stood up.

What I understood by reading the books is that this is not the world I’m used to—I might have reincarnated in a different world.

—Why, you ask?

There are proper reasons!

Regarding the different world,

Firstly, these letters are not Japanese nor English, they are letters I have not seen in my previous world.

—You are saying I just might not know about it?

I have considered that too... but, I have read a few books already... right... they should have been unknown letters to me.

Secondly, the books have names of the countries and history that I’m not aware of, there’s nothing about the countries I know.

There are also other races in this world, in addition, to [Humans] there are [Demi-humans] such as Beastmen, Elves, Dwarves. And also hostile races called [Demons] and monsters and there also seem to be several dragons.

Thirdly, in the book called [First Magic], it said that all people of this world possess [Magical Power], and the use of [Magic] is indispensable in life.

I have lost to curiosity and tried the [Magical Power Circulation] it was talking about first, and it came out.

As far as I know, there shouldn’t be magic in my original world.

Then, regarding the reincarnation... above all, my body has shrunk.  
From the above mentioned, I have come to the conclusion.

(This is not a dream, but reality. If I have reincarnated into a different world... Did I, Tsukino Sayo, really die?)

Thinking about that, my body lost all strength.

—*Poro*—*Poro*

"Gusu... I'm sorry, Foster Father... Foster Mother... gusu... the promise... I'm sorry I couldn't protect the promise... Akari-chan..."

My tears didn't stop for a while.



After a short while,  
—*Suu~ Suu~*

"N~ Huh? Have I fallen asleep... Ugh~ I cried so much my head hurts"

It appears I have fallen asleep just like that.

(I still don't properly understand the situation, I have to keep it together)

I reseated myself on the chair, and started thinking about the [Me] I have reincarnated into.

(I have no memory of me [Me] before reincarnating. I think that [I'm] currently around three to five years old, so I was living until now, but it's strange that there's no memory, right? And why did I [Sayo] has awoken at this point? The room too, the door is locked, there are no windows, there's only a lamp on the table as the source of light, and because there are no toys for a child to play with, I think this is not a child's room. Which reminds me, it was written in the [First Magic] book that every person in this world has a thing called [Status] and information about people are recorded in their [Status]... Yosh! Let's try it right away! I'm certain I just have to say [Status], right?)

I decided to look at my [Status] at once.

"Sta-"

—*Gasha*—*gasha*

At that time, I heard a noise coming from the door.

"Eh? That sound?"

While I was perplexed about the sound I heard, the sound was gradually approaching me.

—*Kacha, kacha*

This time, it sounded like metals colliding against each other.

"This sound, is it perhaps the sound of the door unlocking?"

—*Kacha*—*gacha*

(Is it a key as I thought!? Who is coming!? What to do! What should I do!!)

The action I took in the state of panic is,

—I put the cloth around me and collapsed on the floor.

Well, simply put, I'm [Pretending to be asleep].

## CHAPTER 3

# CHILD OF TABOO

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—Kii~—Gashan, gashan

I heard the door opening, and someone came in.

"Oi, it's food!... What, is she sleeping? Ha, what a nice social status she has for a [Child of Taboo] !"

(The one who entered appears to be a man. Why is he so angry? What does he mean by [Child of Taboo]?)

I was startled by his angry voice and desperately suppressed the movement of my body.

—Katsun, katsun

"You are loud. What are you doing?"

Another person entered through the opened door and called to the man.

(A woman's voice this time... I should pretend to be asleep a little bit more)

"I'm sorry... even though I have gone my way and brought food to the basement, this fellow is asleep, so I got angry"

"Is she sleeping? She should be awake at this time of the day... which reminds me, there was an experimenting with a new poison yesterday, wasn't there? I heard its effect was rather strong, so it's probably because of that?"

(So this place was a basement, I see. That's why there's no window... but, poison experimenting!?)

I was startled by the subject of their conversation and nearly stood up, but because I might find more by listening to the two's conversation, I decided to concentrate on

hearing)

"Fun, even though it should be fine if she stayed like that. It's already four years, you know? Seriously, how long does Lord plan on keeping this fellow alive?"

"Keep your mouth shut. It's not good for a servant to interfere. It's something Dannasama has decided"

"I understand that. But in fact, it's strange, isn't it~ Even though they are twins who are [Children of Taboo], why does he keep both of them alive~? Normally, wouldn't you kill off one of them?"

"Dannasama said to dispose of one of them when they were born as well, but he changed his mind after seeing the results of their ability measurement and decided to raise both of thme"

(Raise, you say... keeping someone in the basement is not raising, right!? In the first place, why are twins the [Childen of Taboo]? Moreover, disposing of one at birth——killing them!?)

"Raise, huh... does it mean both have high magical power?"

"Yes. The elder sister had more magical power than common babies, but she didn't have the family's [Innate Skill]. The little sister's magical power was normal, but she had the [Innate Skill], so it was decided that the little sister would live as the daughter. The elder sister doesn't have the [Innate Skill], but high magical power is precious, so... However, it's not like it can be made known about both [Children of Taboo] being alive. Therefore,..."

"That's why the elder one is kept in the basement, huh. As expected of the head maid! You are well-informed. But, rather than being precious, isn't she recently used for experiments?"

(This is a basement... that means [I] am the older one of the twins, and I have a [Little sister])

"That's because a little brother was born. The little brother has a high magical power and also possesses the [Innate Skill], so he will surely become a splendid Lord one day"

"That's good to hear. Then, has this fellow served her purpose?"

"That's why I'm telling you it's something for Dannasama to decide. Besides, she still has a purpose... it's almost time. Let's return"

"Roger"

—*Batan*—*gachan*

It appears the two left from the room. I wait and see while laying.

—*Gasha*—*gasha*

I sit up after the two's footsteps get farther away, but I stay dumbstruck for a while.



A few minutes later—

I decided to sort out the information while recalling the two's conversation.

"Somehow... beyond my imagination... let's sort out the information..."

What I understood from their conversation—

- \* [I] am a the elder twin of the [Children of Taboo], most likely four years old.
- \* [My] magical power is high, and I was thrown into the basement because I don't have the family's [Innate Skill].
- \* Recently, a little brother with high ability was born.
- \* Because a little brother was born, it appears [I] have been left for human experiments.
- \* This house seems to be employing servants and maids.

(Wouldn't it be dangerous for me to remain here? In the first place, being experimented on for the development of poison and drugs... it's something that happened just recently, but [I] am just four years old, right?... Experiments on a child like that? That's not normal! Because they said they experimented on me with a new

poison yesterday, did [I] perhaps fell to the poison, and woke up as [Sayo]? But, when [Sayo] woke up, there was nothing wrong with the body, right? I don't think it will be like that if they keep on experimenting on me like that, though... Anyhow, because it's not like I will survive if I stay here, I have to think of a way to escape... for that reason, let's confirm [Status] first!

In order to figure out a way to escape from here, I decided to investigate my own power.

"Yosh! Status!"

# CHAPTER 4

## LET'S CHECK THE STATUS!

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"Status!"

—Buu~n

A semi-transparent plate-like thing appeared before me.

"Ha!? That startled me... So this is [Status] huh. What is written on it, I wonder?"

I decided to look at the [Status] right away.

Name: ——— Lv.1  
Ra...

"Wait a moment! I don't even have a name!?"

I was overwhelmed by the unexpected [Status] and ended up tsukkoming, but I decided to see it until the end.

Name: ——— Lv.1  
Race: Human  
Gender: Female  
Age: 4  
Affiliation: Ambler Empire  
Occupation: ———

HP 15 / 15  
MP 1000 / 1000

Attack: 3  
Defense: 5  
Agility: 3  
Intellect: 150  
Dexterity: 125  
Luck: 60



## 《Magic Aptitude》

All attributes

## 《Magic》

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## 《Skills》

"Abnormal Status Resistance Lv.3" "Pain Tolerance Lv.3" "Sign Detection Lv.2" "Night Vision Lv.5" "Magical Power Detection Lv.1"(New) "Magical Power Manipulation Lv.1"(New)

## 《Innate Skills》

The Mind's Eye

Item Box

All Languages Comprehension

## 《Unique Skills》

Ability Duplication (Skill Copy)

Ability Synthesis (Skill Composition)

Life Absorption (Life Assimilation)

## 《Divine Protections》

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## 《Titles》

Reincarnated from Different World • Margrave's Eldest Daughter • Child of Taboo

(U~n, if I'm not mistaken, the book said that the Ambler Empire is country reigning with human supremacy and is unfriendly to other countries... was Margrave a noble? Also... what is HP? Is there no help function?)

While thinking so and tracing the letters, the letters flickered, and a new, small plate appeared.

(Ah, this has explanation written on it. Lemme see...)

"HP": Health Points, recovers over time. Death when reaching 0 points.

"MP": Magical Power, consumed when using magic. Consciousness lost when reaching 0 points. Recovers over time.

"Attack": Offensive ability, offensive power increases with higher numerical value.

"Defense": Defensive ability, defensive power increases with higher numerical value.

"Agility": Swiftens, evasion, and initiative offensive power increase with higher numerical value.

"Intellect": Magic offensive power increases with higher numerical value.

"Dexterity": Accuracy of attacks increases with higher numerical value.

"Luck": The amount of acquired items increases with higher numerical value. Helped by various good fortunes.

"Magic Aptitude": Usable attributes of magic. The attributes are, Fire • Water • Wind • Earth • Lightning • Light • Darkness • Space-time • Gravity.

"Magic": Usable magic.

(Hee~ I understand their meaning now, but I still don't know whether my numerical values are high or low. I'm happy that I have all magic attributes, I will have to learn a lot)

"Skills": Abilities, Lv.10 is maximum.

"Abnormal Status Resistance": Reduction of all abnormal states.

"Pain Tolerance": Reduction of all pain.

"Sign Detection": Detects presences in the surroundings. Scope differs by level.

"Night Vision": Allows seeing in dark places without using light.

"Magical Power Detection": Detects magical power in the surroundings. Scope differs by level.

"Magical Power Manipulation": Allows moving the magical power at will.

(The skills... I might have survived the experiments thanks to this [Abnormal Status Resistance] and [Pain Tolerance] huh... And then, there's 'New' next to the [Magical Power Detection] and [Magical Power Operation], have I perhaps acquired this when circulating the magical power?)

"Innate Skills": Abilities, have no levels.

"The Mind's Eye": Allows seeing detailed information about target and target's emotions are seen as an aura. The color of aura changes depending on the mood.

"Item Box": Items can be stored in a different dimension, doesn't work with living beings. Infinite capacity. Storing items is done by touching the target while conscious of the skill. Retrieving items is done by thinking about the specific item.

"All Languages Comprehension": You can understand and speak the languages of all races.

"Unique Skills": Abilities unique to the user, have no levels.

"Ability Duplication": Allows duplicating target's skills and making them your own.

"Ability Synthesis": Allows the synthesis of skills to create new skills. Once synthesized, it can't be restored to original.

"Life Absorption": Allows absorption and accumulation of target's life force. Absorbed amount is at user's discretion. When the user's HP and MP decrease, it's automatically replenished. Being in contact with the target is necessary.

(...Un! It's somewhat wonderful in a way. 《Innate Skills》 are convenient. 《Unique Skills》 are amazing too, but I have to be touching the target for the [Life Absorption] and the absorbed amount is arbitrary... by life force, doesn't it mean the target will die if I absorb too much?... I have to be careful)

"Divine Protections": A God gives you a divine protection and watches over you.

"Titles"

Reincarnated from Different World: A person who has reincarnated from a different world.

Margrave's Eldest Daughter: The first-born daughter of Margrave's family.

Child of Taboo: Born as a twin of taboo.

(Watched over by a God, huh... too bad I don't have one. The titles are as written, aren't they~ Now then, I should start considering the strategy of escape)

After finishing looking at the status and trying to consider the strategy of escape,

—Guu~

A loud sound resounded around the room.

"Ahaha... I'm too hungry. If I'm not mistaken, the servant guy brought food, didn't he?"

Looking around, there was a meal placed on top of the desk, so I decided to eat first.

## CHAPTER 5

# MEAL, AND ESCAPE PLAN

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After I had finished looking at the status, I decided to have a meal because I was too hungry.

When I sat down on the chair and looked at the prepared meal on the table, there was a piece of bread, soup with no utensils, and a cup, so I tried to eat the bread...

"Itadakima~su!"

—*Paku... mogyu... mogyu...*

(What is this bread!? It's so hard, dried, and so difficult to eat, the inside of my mouth is...)

Because the bread was so hard and dry, the inside of my mouth got dried out, so I took the cup in my hand and drank it.

—*Goku, goku*

"Ueh!? This is water? It reeks of mud, I can't drink this"

The water was no good as well. I somewhat couldn't reach my hands towards the remaining soup, but I couldn't win against hunger and decided to drink it.

—*Kacha*—*Kokun*

"...It has no... taste"

(.....)

I innocently ate while soaking the hard bread in the tasteless soup.

A few minutes later—

It took time, but I somehow was able to eat it.

(Well, my stomach has calmed down... I have to pull myself together and think about the strategy)

"Status!"

—Buu~n

(I have not learned any magic suitable for the strategy, and the [Sign Detection] [Magical Power Detection] and [Night Vision] seem usable... I also have to think about after when I have escaped... I'm a four years old child, after all... I should use the [Item Box] and the unique skills... but...)

While looking at the status, I thought about the strategy and wrote it down on paper.

#### Escape Plan

1. After escaping, put necessary items in the [Item Box].
2. Using [Life Absorption], I'm going to absorb the life force of the person who will come to the basement.
3. I will use [Ability Reproduction] when possible and acquire skills.
4. I will look at the books and learn as much magic as possible.
5. I will raise the level of [Sign Detection] • [Magical Power Detection] • [Night Vision].
6. I will look for a map

Because I wrote what came to my mind, I re-examined the plan.

(Even if I successfully escape from here, I might get caught if I escape blindly, so I should investigate where this is and also look for a map... there also seem to be monsters and such, and I will have to learn necessary magic or skills to defend myself even against normal animals.... also, food and water... let's look for a map before that)

I decided to look up a book to find a map.

(I have a feeling that there was something in the first book I've read, but... there it is! I'm and eldest daughter of the Margrave House affiliated to the Ambler Empire, aren't I? Since this is a Margrave, it should be near borders with other countries... The Diances Republic at the center, from there, the Trust Kingdom to the south, the Radius Empire to the west, and the Ambler Empire to the north... the only place I can escape to is the

Dianes Republic. In the first place, I don't know where in the Empire I am... as I thought, I have to grasp the specific location)

By the way, this world has four large countries and several smaller ones, to simply explain the large countries——

[Dianes Republic] is a country where diverse races coexist, the founder is a human King. It's a country developed with the cooperation of Beastmen • Elves • Dwarves representatives.

[Trust Kingdom] is a country with beastmen in the center. It's ruled by a beastmen King.

[Radius Empire] believes in the Chief God Grielma, and has churches in every nation. It's governed by a Pope.

[Ambler Empire] is a country of human supremacy. It's not friendly to other countries. It's ruled by a King.

Looking at it like that, the Dianes Republic is a good place to escape to. I decided to put the magic practice on hold for the time being in order to identify my current location.

But, before that——

(I have to make sure this plan is not seen... I can stay at peace by putting it in the [Item Box], right? How to use it...)

——Storing items is done by touching the target while conscious of the skill. Retrieving items is done by thinking about the specific item.

(Fumu, fumu... I see~)

While conscious of the [Item Box], I grasped the paper in my hand. Then——the escape plan paper disappeared.

"Haa!? It disappeared... was it stored? Let's try taking it out"

Because I was using a skill for the first time, I decided to retrieve it just in case.

(Yosh, escape plan come ou~t...)

This time, the escape plan appeared in my hand.

(Ohh~ a success. What a convenient skill)

I put the escape plan into the item box once again and started the magic practice.



# CHAPTER 6

## MAGIC PRACTICE

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I reread the [First Magic] book in order to learn magic.

"Magic is gathering of magical power within your body and releasing magical power while imagining a certain phenomenon."

(U~n, as I thought [Light] should be first... it's so dark it's difficult to read, using the [Night Vision] would be fine too, but I want to look like a magician)

I decided to try the [Light] attribute magic.

"U~mm,... Illuminate the darkness with a warm light——Light!"

——*Shiin*

(...Nothing happened... was it a failure? I collected the magical power, but...)

Nothing happened, so I looked at the book again.

"...gathering magical power while imagining the phenomenon..."

(Ah... an imagination, huh... speaking of light, it's a fluorescent light, right... yosh!)

"Illuminate the darkness with a warm light——Light!"

This time, I tried it while properly imagining the light. And then...

——*Pika!!*

A strong light lit up the room.

"Kyaa!?... My eyes~! My eyees~!"

——*Gorogoro, gorogoro*

I started rolling around the floor in order to suppress the light.

A few minutes later——

(Haa~ that startled me~ ... I thought I got blind... was a fluorescent light too strong, I wonder... let's try lowering the brightness next time~ ...)

"Illuminate the darkness with a warm light——Light!"

——*Pou*

It appears I succeeded.

"Yatta~! I did it!"

I was delighted that the Light has succeeded, but there was something I was really curious about.

That is the chant.

(It's good that the magic came out, but... as I thought, the chant is... somewhat embarrassing, and the book said "the phenomenon happens with imagination," I just have to be only conscious of the skills as well, there's no need for a chant, is there? Is it possible that there no need for a chant with a proper imagination... or something? Let's give it a try)

I made a hypothesis and decided to try it.

(Fuu~ ... Light~ light~ come out~)

"Light"

——*Pou*

I was able to make the light appear as hypothesized.

(As I thought! Yo~sh, I will learn lots just like this~)

A few hours later——

"Haa~ haa~ ... somehow, really exhausted... haa~"

I gasp for air, feeling like I would collapse at any moment.

"Why... s, status..."

—*Buu~n*

HP 5 / 15

MP 1 / 1000

(Ah... I have done it...)

—*Batan!*

I collapsed while checking my status.



Another few hours later—

—*Pachi*

I finally woke up.

(Huhh? When did I fall asleep? I was practicing magic and... ah! I have collapsed because I didn't check my HP and MP because I was absorbed in practicing... this is why Akari-chan calms me a clutz, huh...)

"Status"

HP 11 / 15

MP 540 / 1000

"I'm glad... it's recovering"

Though I was a bit depressed, I decided to pull myself together and check the magic I

have learned.

"U~mm, magic is..."

《Magic》

[Life Magic] : "Fire" "Water" "Clean"

[Fire Magic] : "Fire Bullet" "Fire Arrow" "Fire Lance" "Fire Wall"

[Water Magic] : "Water Bullet" "Water Arrow" "Water Lance" "Water Wall"

[Wind Magic] : "Wind Bullet" "Wind Blade" "Gust"

[Earth Magic] : "Stone Bullet" "Earth Wall" "Mud Marsh" "Cave-in"

[Lightning Magic] : "Discharge" "Lightning Arrow" "Lightning Spear"

[Light Magic] : "Light" "Flash" "Recovery" "Purification" "Barrier" "Sanctuary"

[Darkness Magic] : "Fog of Darkness" "Stealth"

[Space-time Magic] : "Space-time Barrier" "Transfer"

The above are magic I learned, by the way "Cave-in" "Mud Marsh" "Stealth" "Spatial Barrier" are original I thought up.

I imagined a pitfall for the "Cave-in". It seems usable when escaping.

I created "Mud Marsh" while thinking whether it wouldn't be possible to prevent movement with it.

I thought of "Stealth" when thinking of concealment. This also looks usable when escaping.

I thought of "Space-time Barrier" before practicing offensive magic. It's not like I can destroy the room, and when thinking someone may come when hearing the sounds, I tried making a barrier that will cancel out the sounds and impacts from within, and also return everything that was broken into the original state.

I collapsed before learning any other magic, so I decided to check the MP consumption.

[Life Magic]... MP 1

[Bullet System]... MP 2

[Arrow System]... MP 3

[Lance System]... MP 4

[Wall System]... MP 5

"Wind Blade" ... MP 3

"Gust" ... MP 3

"Mud Marsh" ... MP 5

"Cave-in" ... MP 5

"Discharge" ... MP 2  
"Light" ... MP 1  
"Flash" ... MP 3  
"Recovery" ... MP 10  
"Purification" ... MP 15  
"Barrier" ... MP 20  
"Sanctuary" ... MP 50  
"Fog of Darkness" ... MP 3  
"Stealth" ... MP 5  
"Space-time Barrier" ... MP 50  
"Transfer" ... MP 30

(Yosh, I have to remember the MP consumption and practice while checking the status)

When I tried to practice magic again,

—*Kotsun*—*kotsun*

—*Kasha*—*kasha*

I heard footsteps approaching.

# CHAPTER 7

## SKILLS AND FRIGHT

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—*Kachakacha*

(Someone has come again. Let's check the person who came this time)

—*Gashan*

—*Kii~... gasha*

The door opened, and someone came in.

"Oi, food!... What, you are awake... Tch"

A man and woman have entered, I understood that it's the same man as before from his voice.

(What is this person... I can't see his face.... skill "Night Vision". Yosh, I can see)

What I saw after using the "Night Vision" was a short-haired, bearded man in his thirties, a man with an ordinary face no matter how I look. And, behind him, with her hair behind in a dumpling, a woman in her forties with fox-like eyes.

"Are you awake? Fine. Then, I will convey the future plan. First,-----"

(Let's look at their statuses this time. Skill "The Mind's Eye")

I tried the "The Mind's Eye" in order to look at the two's statuses.

Name: Seth (Alias) Lv.20 (Camouflaged)

【Chase Lv.30】

Race: Human (Camouflaged)

【Fox Tribe】

Age: 35 (Camouflaged)

【23】

Affiliation: Ambler Empire (Camouflaged)

【Trust Kingdom】

Occupation: Low-grade Soldier (Camouflaged)  
【Operative】

HP 1025／1250 (Camouflaged) 【3250／3300】

MP 130／142 (Camouflaged) 【200／212】

Attack: 30 (Camouflaged) 【70】

Defense: 25 (Camouflaged) 【60】

Agility: 20 (Camouflaged) 【100】

Intellect: 15 (Camouflaged) 【45】

Dexterity: 25 (Camouflaged) 【65】

Luck: 14 (Camouflaged) 【30】

《Magic Aptitude》

None

《Magic》

Life Magic

《Skills》 (Camouflaged) "Swordsmanship Lv.3" "Martial Arts Lv.2"

【"Body Reinforcement Lv.7" "Swordsmanship Lv.5" "Martial Arts Lv.6" "Throwing Lv.6" "Swiftness Lv.7" "Sign Detection Lv.6" "Concealment Lv.5" "Transformation Lv.8" "Night Vision Lv.6" "Sharp Hearing Lv.5" "Telepathy Lv.6"】

《Titles》

None (Camouflaged)

【Resourceful Operative • Phantasmagoric】

Name: Amalia Lv.11

Race: Human

Gender: Female

Age: 42

Affiliation: Ambler Empire

Occupation: Head Maid

Attack: 20

Defense: 15

Agility: 15

Intellect: 30

Dexterity: 26

Luck: 35

HP 250／255

MP 100／124

《Magic Aptitude》

Fire

《Magic》

"Life Magic" "Fire Bullet"

《Skills》

"Housework" "Leadership" "Calm and Composed" "Communication"

《Titles》

Bailey House's Head Maid

(—!?)

I was so startled by the [The Mind's Eye] results that I have unconsciously rubbed my eyes.

—Goshigoshi—Goshigoshigoshigoshi

No matter how many times I rubbed my eyes it did not change, and I ended up staring at the top of the man's head.

(Those are... animal ears, aren't they... he's from the Fox Tribe, so those are fox ears... also...)

My gaze went down below and stopped in one place.

(Fox tail... looks fluffy)

Right, using the [The Mind's Eye], the man grew ears and a tail.

Moreover, he became younger, and his facial features became that of a sharp ikemen.

(I'm curious, but now is the time for the skill! I have to copy the two's skills... Skill [Ability Duplication])

"Please, chose the skills to duplicate."

I suddenly heard such voice in my head.



(What was that!? Chose, you say... u~mm"Body Reinforcement" "Transformation" "Concealment" "Telepathy"and, err~"Throwing" "Sharp Hearing" "Swiftness" "Calm and Collected"!)

"Duplication commencing————complete."

Since it's my first time, I was able to copy a lot of skills.

(I did it, right? I have to confirm later)

"——Therefore, Dannasama is scheduled to return to the Feudal Lord's mansion from the Imperial Capital three days later. Furthermore, four days later, it has been decided that we will go to the "forest" located at the borders with the Diances Republic. Make your best effort not to trouble Dannasama. Do you understand?"

(Feudal Lord's mansion, this is a frontier as I've thought! Moreover, I might be able to escape four days later when we go to the "forest." Even though it might be impossible, I can try escaping with [Transfer] as well...)

While thinking about such things——

"Oi! Why are you silent!"

——*Gui*

All of sudden, the man lifted me up by the collar.

"Gu..."

(Painful... here... skill [Life Absorption])

I got angry and activated a skill.

Then, a voice resounded in my head again.

"Please, determine the absorbed amount. The target's current [Life] is HP 3250 MP 200."

(...HP 1000 and MP 100!)

"Absorption commencing————complete."

—Zuu

"Wha!? What was that? My strength has suddenly..."

The man staggered and released his hands.

—Dosa

"Cough, cough... cough"

While I gasp for breath, the woman addressed the man as if nothing happened.

"What are you doing?"

"This fellow is [Taboo] and yet she ignored you, so I was disciplining her"

As a result of the man's words, I unconsciously muttered.

{What... even though you are just a stupid fox...}

I immediately regretted. That's because,

—Piku

"!? Oi! You... what did you just say"

He properly heard my muttering.

Is his hearing good because he's a beastman?

Because it didn't look like the woman heard me, I decided to feign ignorance.

"I... did not say anything"

"....."

The man continued staring at me intensively.

"Rather than that, do you understand the schedule?"

The woman has asked me, so I immediately replied.

"Yes, I understand"

"Good. Have a meal and rest for today. Well then, we are returning, Seth"

The man replied while looking at me.

"...Yes"

The two turned on their heels and went to the door.

While thinking I somehow managed to deceive them and watching the two leaving, the man turned his face towards me.

—Niyaa

He showed me a fiendish grin.

—Zokuu

(Hii!? It's no good as I thought! His eyes were not smiling)

Feeling the coldness from the man's grin, I realized I couldn't deceive him.

As they left the room and the footsteps disappeared, I crouched down with head in my hands.

(I'm so stupid~ What to do... there's no point in regretting it now... let's confirm my status and think about the future)

"Haa~... Status"

HP 15 / 15 (+996)

MP 640 / 1000 (+0)

《Skills》

"Abnormal Status Resistance Lv.3" "Pain Tolerance Lv.3" "Sign Detection Lv.2" "Night Vision Lv.5" "Magical Power Detection Lv.4" "Magical Power Manipulation Lv.4" "Parallel Thinking Lv.3" "Body Reinforcement Lv.1"(New) "Transformation Lv.1"(New) "Concealment Lv.1"(New) "Telepathy Lv.1"(New) "Throwing Lv.1"(New) "Sharp Hearing Lv.1"(New) "Swiftness Lv.1"(New) "Calm and Composed Lv.1"(New)

(Oh~ They all become level one when obtained? HP and MP have recovered, and the numbers next it are from the absorption, isn't it... if I increase it, I could be a magician as much as I'd like, won't I...)

I decided to check my newly obtained skills.

"Body Reinforcement": Strengthens the whole body. Five times more than the normal state.

"Transformation": Possible to change the form. The state is kept until canceled.

"Concealment": Allows to camouflage your own status.

"Telepathy": Allows communicating with others without using voice. Distance increased with level.

"Throwing": Correction when throwing.

"Sharp Hearing": Allows hearing things far away. The range is existing within magical power.

"**Swiftness**": Increases quickness. Running speed is three times faster than normal.

"Calm and Composed": You can stay calm and composed in any situation.

By the way, I have obtained the "Parallel Thinking" skill during the magic practice. Thanks to this skill, I can exercise more than two magics at once.

(That Seth person will be scary tomorrow... he was making 'I won't let you escape no matter what' eyes)

While thinking about tomorrow's interaction,

—Guu~

"...I get hungry even at a time like this, huh"

I decided to stop thinking, have a meal and rest.  
Of course, the meal was—innocently eaten.

# CHAPTER 8

## NEGOTIATIONS

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Thanks to a certain magic, I was able to sleep soundly in the morning.

The certain magic is "Air Futon". I created the "Air Futon" because I didn't want to sleep on the floor.

I also used "Space-time Barrier" because of Seth, just in case.

(U~n, I slept well. Shall I check my skills until the food comes?)

Just when I tried to test my skills within the "Space-time Barrier" just in case,

—*Kashakasha*

Footsteps were approaching.

(Are? I can hear only one set of footsteps... Skill "Sign Detection" ... as I thought, there's only one presence... is this perhaps...)

—*Kachakacha*—*gashan*

—*Kii~*

The moment the door opened, and I saw the man's face, I escaped to the corner. The one who entered is Seth.

—*Batan*

"...Yoo, you awake? I brought you food. I will leave it here"

Seth put the food on the table and started to approach me, but his legs suddenly stopped moving.

"Uoh!?... What?"

Seth reached his hand to check.

"This is... a barrier?... Hee~..."

Seth looks at me while broadly grinning.

(Gyaa, I forgot to dispel the "Space-time Barrier"~! But, if I dispel it, that fellow will come...)

While feeling troubled,

—*Doka*

Seth sits down cross-legged and spoke to me without erasing his smile.

"You can stay like that, I'd like to talk with you"

Because I couldn't find a reply for Seth's unexpected words, he just waited.  
I could not ignore that attitude and serious eyes and decided to talk.  
I dispelled the [Space-time Barrier] and replaced it with [Barrier].

"What do you want to talk about?"

When I reply,

—*Bofun*

Just when I thought that Seth disappeared in smoke, I heard an unfamiliar voice from within the smoke.

"You have my gratitude! Let me introduce myself again"

When the smoke cleared up, what I saw there was the beastman from yesterday.

"My name is Chase! I'm a Fox person. Well, it looks like you have already figured it out yesterday, though. You have an [Appraisal] skill, right? A high leveled one at that"

I was startled by Seth's—Chase's words.

"!? How..."

"The level of my [Concealment] is high. To be able to see through it, you will need [Fathom] skill or anything higher than that"

I'm troubled how to answer.

(What should I do... it seems better not talking about my skills... but, how do I deceive him?)

"You don't have to answer which skill it is. But, I would like an assistance from that skill"

(Skill?... His attitude is somewhat different)

"Why is a skill of the [Child of Taboo] important to you?"

"!? I feel sorry for what I have done until now... but, that was also for your own sake"

I couldn't understand what Chase meant.

"For my sake? What part of that was for my sake!"

"If I didn't do that, I wouldn't know what that woman would do to you... if I took that attitude towards you, she would feel a little bit better"

"That woman? The head maid? What about her?"

"That woman worships your father, Diego Bailey and detests the [Taboo] twins and the mother who gave birth to you. To put it bluntly, she has been only looking after the little brother after he got born"

"!? So, are those two all right?"

"You... yeah, she can't do anything publicly because only a few people know about you twins"

I listen to Chase's talk and remember yesterday.

(The auras the two were wrapped in yesterday. [The Mind's Eye] allows seeing the emotions aura and the color of the aura changes depending on the emotions)

Chase spoke to me while I was pondering.

"Why?"

"Eh?"

"Why are you worried about the two? You have never met them, you have never received their affection. Is it because you are related by blood?"

The memories of my past life floated in my mind because of Chase's words.

"Blood is unrelated. I just can't do anything by myself, I don't plan on blaming them... I'm currently here in the basement, what if it was my "little sister" instead? What if we were not "twins?" What if "twins" weren't a taboo?... Mother too... out of the many possibilities, it just happened "like this"... nothing would change if I resented them, I'm sad and frustrated, but that won't become the reason for the two to worry about me"

(During the elementary school, I, Sayo was bullied because I was an orphan. Those are words Foster Father told me that time, but... I currently think so too)

When I think and convey it to Chase, he started at me with his eyes and mouth wide open.

(N? What's wrong... did I say something weird?)

"...You, how old are you? I'm certain you should be four years old, right... just how did you come up with such answer?"

(Ha!? Right! Normal four years old wouldn't think of such thing, would they?)

"W, which reminds me, assistance, you said... what happened?"

—Stare~

" " ..... " "

The two of us were staring at each other for a while, but Chase folded first.



"Haa~... In fact, I serve a Lord from the Trust Kingdom, but three months ago, that Lord's children and several other people were abducted. We split into groups after following the traces and arrived at this Bailey House, but even after transforming and sneaking around, we weren't able to find them. Therefore, I would like to search for them with your skill"

"Abduction... but, "we" means that there are more people with you, right? Is it fine to rely on a [Taboo]?"

I wanted to help after knowing the circumstances, but I didn't know how they feel about [Child of Taboo], so I asked.

But, I was dumbfounded by Chase's next words.

"Ahh! If it's about that, then it's fine! Anyhow, thinking of twins as [Taboo] is a story of a few hundred years ago, the ones who came up with that were humans anyway, and it's currently like that only in the Ambler Empire! Ha, ha, ha"

(..... Haa!?)

"Wha!... Calm down, calm down, calm down me~... tte, impossible! Skill [Calm and Composed]"

I couldn't calm down, so I used a skill.

"O, oi... are you alright?"

"Yes. I just became fine"

"I see... truthfully, the plan was to call for the assistance from the kingdom, but I panicked when I heard that the Feudal Lord is returning in three days. Because it's highly possible that the abducted people will be sold as slaves at the Feudal Lord's return"

"Slaves!? Something so terrible..."

"Slaves themselves are not that unusual... especially the people in this country... no, aside from us, everyone is the same as slaves. They are illegally sold when caught outside, you see"

I was surprised that the house I was born to is involved in something like that.

"As expected I can't ask for aid like that, that's when your words came while I was troubled"

"But, how do we look for them?"

"First of all, I would like you to appraise the place of our objective. If you find them, the rest is our job. Then, about your reward, we will get you out of here. If there's a country you'd like to live in, I wouldn't mind taking you there as well"

"..... Eh?"

## CHAPTER 9

# OATH MAGIC

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I have believed that Chase will take me out of here if I cooperate with him.

"It's not a bad deal for you either, right? At any rate, you have only three days to live"

"What do you mean!? Why!"

Chase looked at me with tired eyes.

"As I thought, you weren't listening yesterday. We were talking about testing a new magic tool in the "forest" when Feudal Lord returns, right?"

"...I heard only going to the "forest" ... but, why does that mean "three days to live" ?"

"A new magic tool has been recently developed. That magic tool apparently draws monsters towards the wielder. And so, the experiment will take place in the "Magic Forest" where monsters live in large numbers. If you were brought there... you understand, right?"

I blanked out.

"..... I will be the one holding the magic tool, won't I?"

"Yeah..."

(I'm not even a daughter to father, huh... just a tool used for experiments... while that may be true, can I believe Chase's words? For them, I'm...)

"Chase-san, may I ask you something?"

"Just Chase is fine. What is it?"

"Why are you helping me? To you guys, I'm just a "daughter of the man who abducted our companions," right?"

I hang my head down, afraid to look at Chase's face.

"Haa~ Look here, haven't you answered that question yourself just a little while ago?"

"...Eh?"

I raised my head at his words. What I saw there was a very gentle smiling face.

"It's that thing about not being able to help it. You have not decided to be that man's daughter, and you, yourself didn't do anything to us. Furthermore, you are still just a little child... leaving your speech and conduct aside... what is there to resent you for?"

—Tsuu—

Tears flowed down my cheeks.

"Although I say that, you won't immediately believe me. If it suits you, I don't mind using an Oath Magic"

"Gusu... Oath Magic... alright. I will use it this time... dispel"

I answered while wiping my tears and dispelled the [Barrier]. Just in case, I cast a light [Barrier] on my body.

Oath Magic is signing a contract that can't be broken with a magic swear to a god, the contents which are written on the paper will become the written oath. It's a magic that will punish those who break the written oath.

Chase taught me how to make it, and I decided to do it right away.

" "Oath Magic" "

"Item, I will cooperate to rescue Chase's companions"

"Item, I and my companions won't harm "Bailey House's eldest daughter." Also, when the rescuing of my companions is done, I will help "Bailey House's eldest daughter" to escape"

" "Item, in case the contract is broken, he/she who breaks it, will lose that which is

"the most important to him/her." I make an oath with this" "

—*Paa*

When we read the written oath aloud, the written oath started shining and finally disappeared.

"Say... is just escaping fine? I will take you to a place you want to go, just finding my companions would be fine, you know?"

"You will return to your country after rescuing them, right? We may get followed after escaping, it would be better to have a higher fighting potential. I... I will somehow manage, besides I'm also good at magic, so I think I could help with the rescue"

"...I see"

When I answered with a smile, Chase started brooding over something. I decided to speak up because I couldn't stand the silence.

"Say, when do you want to look for them?"

"Ah, sorry. I would like to search for them this evening. It's busy around in the daytime because of the Feudal Lord's return. I was also able to come here by myself thanks to that"

"Alright. Will you come to pick me up?"

"Oh yeah... I will meet up with my companions and come for you at dinner time, can we talk at that time?"

"Sure"

"Then, it's time for me to go"

Chase said so and left the room.

—*Guu~*

"...First of all, let's eat"

# CHAPTER 10

## SEARCH

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In the evening, Chase brought the meal.

"Please, listen while you eat. We will carry out the search three hours from now on"

—*Mugumugu*

"Only you and I, the two of us will carry out the search, the rest will stand on alert outside. In case we find them, I will contact others via [Telepathy] and we will escape"

—*Mugumugu... gokun*

"I understand the plan, but the time..."

"You don't have to worry about that. I will give you this"

—*Koto*

Saying such, Chase placed an hourglass on the table.

"When the sand finishes falling, thirty minutes have passed"

(Hee~ This world has hourglasses, huh. By the way, the time interval and weekly interval is the same as in my original world, so this will be helpfull~)

"I will also give you this. This is an item bag, it has much larger capacity than a normal bag, and you also won't sense the weight. Inside, you will find one week of emergency rations and tools necessary for camping, also be sure to put other things you want to bring with you inside"

I thank Chase while receiving the item bag from him.

"Thank you... but, can I have it? Wouldn't you need it while escaping..."

(I... have the Item Box, after all)

"Don't worry about it, it's fine because we will join up with other peers who were searching in other places, so we have more of those... because you are cooperating with us, receive at least this much"

"...Thank you... Chase"

I gave my thanks again while having feelings of guilt from concealing the Item Box.

(I'm sorry... but, I can't trust you wholly yet, so...)

After seeing me, Chase stood up and opened the door,

"...There's no need to make such face. I properly understand... you can be a little more sly... in order to survive from now on"

—Patan—Gachan

".....Un"



Three hours later—

Chase came to pick me up on time.

"Here, wear this mantle and cover your face with the hood. Also, here are your shoes"

I put on the mantle and the shoes, and leave the room—the basement with Chase. I'm little nervous because I'm leaving the basement for the first time since waking up.

"Although the servants got tired from making the preparations and went to sleep earlier than usual, let's move around while carefully watching the surroundings"

I did some thinking after hearing Chase's words and made a suggestion.

"...Chase, I will use magic. Like that, we won't have to be careful of the surroundings"

"Ha?... Your magic is... you can use other magic besides a barrier?"

"Un... in truth, I wanted to use it only during a danger. But, I decided after hearing your 'become sly' words"

"Decided, you say... on what?"

"...I will use all of my power to help Chase and others escape"

Chase opened his eyes wide in surprise.

"In change, I would like you to promise me something"

"...What is it?"

"You will provide me with the way and information about the Dienes Republic, you won't inquire no matter what you will see from now on, and you won't talk about me as much as possible"

" ....."

After staring at each other for a while, Chase answered.

"I promise. I swear on the beastmen's... no, I swear on my pride"

"Thanks"

Hearing Chase's answer, I cast the magic at once.

"Then, I will use it on myself first... [Stealth]"

—Suu~

"Wha!? Vanished? I can't feel any signs either... oi, are you here?"

"Fufu... I'm here, it just looks like I've disappeared, I will use it on you as well, okay? [Stealth]"

—Suu~



"Ohh? I can see you now... have I vanished?"

"That's right. Those affected with [Stealth] can see each other, but they are invisible to the surroundings, their signs and scent also disappear. But, they can still hear you, and you also have to be careful not to collide with anyone"

"...However, without a chant, huh"

(Ah, would a chant be better after all? All you have to do is say the name while imagining, though)

"Oh well... let's go"

Saying such, Chase turns his back and crouches.

"?... What's wrong?"

"Piggyback. You would have a hard time moving fast with your legs, right?"

"...Alright... take care of me"

"Fu... likewise. I will talk with telepathy now... you will be able to hear, but——"

"Ah... that's fine. I can use it as well"

"..... I see"

We move while I'm being piggybacked by Chase.

When we climb the stairs, Chase carefully opens the door and what I saw was... a great variety of expensive-looking objects, a room full of furniture decorated with gold.

{Uwaa~ What a bad taste. Are all nobles like this?}

{Who knows... each to their own, right? Rather than that, let's go}

{Roger... listen, may I look around with my skill before we go to the place you have zeroed in?}

{Skill? Can you do it?}

After the dinner time, I have used the "Ability Synthesis" on "Magical Power Detection" and "Sign Detection" and produced a new skill called "Search".

This skill will create a map around me and display living beings and those possessing magical power. Furthermore, it also can search based on the conditions I chose.

Normally, I will operate by imagining in my head, but it's possible to show it to other people as well.

I will do it like that, so Chase could see it too, but since we are using "Stealth" no one else will be able to see it.

{Un. I will give it a try}

(The conditions of "Search" are... beastmen)

—*Buu~n*

Chase was surprised when I used the skill, and a map appeared displaying dots appeared in front of me.

{Uoh!? What is this... a map?}

{Yes, these dots represent the beastmen, so I think they are gathered in this room}

{No way... no, it certainly matches with the location we have zeroed in... yosh! Let's take a look}

We have left the room and rushed to the place indicated on the map.

That place is—

{What is this room?}

{Diego Bailey's study room... I thought it would be right, but}

{It appears there's something like a hidden room next to this room... all I see are walls, though}

{Can I leave it to you?}

{Alright}

{Skill "The Mind's Eye" ... I see it!}

When I used "The Mind's Eye", I saw a door that wasn't visible before, so I tell Chase immediately.

{Chase, I see it. It looks like it's concealed with magic. The door seems to be locked}

{Shit! What to do... If we dispel the magic, we will get found out, and there won't be time to escape...}

I closed my eyes and thought about the situation.

(Certainly, if we dispel the magic, the people would find out and come. We wouldn't be able to escape then. Dispelling the magic is no good... I wish we could get inside somehow...)

As we were each thinking about the situation, four dots were approaching, so urged Chase.

A short while later, two servants and two soldiers stopped before the hidden room.

{What is it at such time?}

{That is... probably the meal. N? It seems they are dispelling the magic}

{!? It's a chance! Chase, we have to enter together with those people}

{Ha? What are we going to do after entering!? Even if we defeat them, we can't all escape, you know?}

{Don't worry about that! Explanation after! There's no time, look!!}

Getting off Chase's back, I dash towards the door.

{Oi!? Ahh~ Shit!}

A soldier picked up what seems to be a plate and raised it.

Then, the door became visible, and the servants and soldiers pushed a wagon inside.

The other soldier remained behind and restored the lock.

"Oi!! Gratefully eat the 《Feed》!"

The soldier who came inside declared to the people in the room.  
Without waiting for a reply, the servants quietly placed the food on the floor.

"Fun! Can't you even answer! You filthy 《Beasts》!!"

To the soldier's words, one child stood up and shouted at the soldier.

"We are not beasts! Why——"

——*Bashi!... batan*

"Seriously... for a beast to go against a human... this needs discipline"

When the soldier approached the child after saying such, a woman jumped forward this time.

"Stop it!! Don't be rough on this child!!"

"Ugh... Okaasa..."

"Hoo~ that fellow's mother, huh... then, you become the substitute! It's the parent's responsibility to teach the child the manners, isn't it!!"

——*Doka... dosa*

The soldiers hits the mother and continues hitting further.

"Ora!! Where did your vigor go!"

——*Doka, doka*

"Gu... gu..."

"Stop it! Okaasan!"

The child tried to stop him, but the people around were restraining him.

"Look closely! This is what happens when you go against me!"

A few minutes later—

The mother ceased to move.

"Fuu~ Well, this much is fine. Brat, your mother became like that because you opposed me! It's your fault!!... Ha, ha, ha, ha"

The soldier headed towards the door while laughing, he then knocked on the door, and the three people left the room.

"Uu... gusu... Okaasan... I'm sorry..."

A child's crying and apologetic voice resounded around the room.

# CHAPTER 11

## RESCUE

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Right now, I can't stop my cold sweat.  
Why? Let's turn the time back a little bit.

We have slipped through the door the soldiers opened.  
There, sixteen beastmen were huddled close together.  
Just when I received a shock, the soldier roughened his voice.

"Oi!! Gratefully eat the 《Feed》!"

—Piku

While no one was answering, there was someone who reacted—right next to me.  
The visible aura has been dyed red.

(This looks somewhat dangerous..."Space-time Barrier")

I had an unpleasant hunch, so I set up the "Space-time Barrier".  
Meanwhile, the soldier continues talking.

"Fun! Can't you even answer! You filthy 《Beasts》!!"

—Pikupiku

(You, be quiet! Don't get provoked!)

A child stood up and rushed in front because of the soldier's words.

"We are not beasts! Why—"

—Bashi!... batan

The soldier hit the child.  
At that time, Chase jumped out, but he crashed into my barrier.

"Will!!"

—*Doka*

"Ouch, a barrier!? Oi! Dispel it!"

"Calm down! If you go out now, the plan will become useless... you won't be able to save anyone!"

"I understand that! But, Will is..."

I heard a woman's voice while we were quarreling.

"Stop it!! Don't be rough on this child!!"

When we look towards the voice, the soldier hit the woman.

"Selena! Shit, oi—"

"Listen to me already!! Can that person use telepathy?"

"Ha? What are you say—"

"Listen to me! Can she use it?"

"Every beastmen can!"

"In that case, convey 'I will cast a thin barrier on your body, pretend to be in pain' to that person"

"Wha!?"

"Quickly!"

I saw the soldier approaching the woman, so I urged Chase.

"Alright!"

{Selena, can you hear me?}

{!? Chase, where are you?}

{Nearby. A barrier will be now cast on you, so please pretend to be in pain, so you don't get find out!}

{Barrier!?... Okay, I will try it}

"I told her! Quickly——"

——*Doka!... Dosa*

When the conversation finished, the soldier kicked and beat the woman.

"That bastard! Oi, the barrier!?"

"It's okay... I made it in time..."

The soldier kept on hitting that woman.

The surrounding beastmen were glaring at the soldier while holding down the child who tried to jump out, and desperately endured——Just like Chase.

(This is way too cruel... how is he able to do such a thing?)

Whether he got satisfied, the soldier stopped kicking and turned towards the child and called out.

"——Because you have opposed me! It's your fault!!"

Hearing such words, the child opened his eyes wide and shed tears.

And then, Chase's aura flared even redder, and I couldn't contain my cold sweat.

"Oi... that's enough already right, dispel it"

"...Dispel"

I dispel"Space-time Barrier"and"Stealth"and Chase runs towards his friends.



"Will! Selena!"

"!?... Otousan?... Otousan!"

The child clings to Chase and Chase tightly hugs him close.

"Otousan... I'm sorry... Okaasan is *sniff*..."

"Will... it's not your fault, definitely not... besides, Okaasan is safe"

"Eh?"

"Selena, you can get up now"

When Chase calls to the woman, she gets up as if nothing happened.

"Okaasan?"

"I'm sorry, Will... Okaasan is all right"

"Uu... Okaasa~n"

The child separates from Chase and embraces the mother, the mother returns the embrace.

A voice calls out to Chase while he's watching over the two.

"Is that really you, Chase?"

When Chase turns around, he saw about ten years old boy.  
Chase went down on one knee towards the boy.

"Ha! Please pardon me for being late. I have come on His Majesty's—your father's orders. Others from the rescue unit are waiting outside on alert"

"I see... thank you. However, how do we escape? There are people who can't walk on their own"

"That is——"

A voice interrupted Chase and the boy.

"Leave us behind... we will only become a burden"

When Chase looks towards the voice, he saw three men sitting down, all of them are losing a leg.

The one who talked just now was about a thirty years old, masculine man in the middle.

"Carlos... that leg... Ethan and Liam too"

"We had lost consciousness when were abducted, they were already missing when we woke up"

" ....."

"Because we are soldiers... spare us from being a burden! Isn't that right? Ethan, Liam"

" "Yeah" "

Chase could not say anything, he could only tightly clench his fists.

As for me, I missed the timing to call out because of the serious atmosphere.

(Uuu~m... they should be able to see me too... those lost legs, I think I could cure them with magic, and if we use that to escape... Uh~ I wonder if someone will notice me... so Chase was married.... his wife is a beauty with a gentle aura and his child is cute as well~... a little while ago, he called that boy's otousan 'His Majesty' didn't he~ Let's pretend I didn't hear that... I can't remember~)

While thinking such, I waited for someone to notice me.

"Huh?... Who you might be?"

"!? Thank you for noticing me! Because someone forgot about me, I thought what should I do..."

"Eh?"

The one who noticed me was Chase's child.

"Ah!"

Chase who noticed ran towards me.

"Sorry! I will introduce everyone to you, so come"

"Yes, yes"

I was brought before the boy, so I removed my hood.

"Chase... this child is? She seems like a human miss, but?"

To the boy's words, everyone's except Chase's and mine's smiles cramped.

"Leone-sama, this child is cooperator of this time's rescue"

" " " "Haa!?" " " " "

Everyone is surprised.

(Well, they would, wouldn't they~)

"Wait a moment, why is a human... no, before that, why is a child... is that the truth?"

I answered the question before Chase could.

"How do you do, I'm Diego Bailey's daughter"

"Oi!"

Chase tried to stop me, but I continued without caring.

"I don't have a name. I'm cooperating with Chase because of a contract"

The reactions to my reply were gasping for breath, silence, glaring, intent to kill, and various others emotions.

Then, Chase walks in front of me as if to protect me.

"Wait, please! This fellow is——"

"Chase! I will talk with her"

"Yes..."

Chase withdraws, and the boy spoke to me.

"How do you do, my name is Leone. I understand that you are the daughter of the Bailey House. But, why don't you have a name? What about the contract?"

"I don't have a name because I'm a daughter who's existence has been erased. Regarding the contract, in exchange for cooperating with Chase's rescue mission, he will cooperate in helping me escape"

"...Chae, are her words true?"

Leone asked Chase to confirm my words.

Chase looked at me, so I spoke to him with telepathy.

{Although I had intended about not speaking about me, looking at this... if you don't talk now, there will be bad relationship between you and everyone}

{You really are softhearted!... Thanks}

"Ha! There's no mistake. This fellow has been born as a twin which is considered taboo in this country, and until now.... she has been confined in a basement. She has the skill which would be able to discover this hidden room, so I proposed to make an [Oath] with her"

"!?... I see, you trust her to the extent of making an [Oath]"

Leone closed his eyes, and after thinking for a while, he bowed his head.

" " " " "Leone-sama!?" " " " " "

"I'm thankful for your cooperation. Everyone understands that you are innocent, but they were reminded how they were treated until now, thus took such attitudes. I'm

really sorry"

The beastmen lower their heads in shame at Leone's words.

"I accept the apology, please don't mind it. It can't be helped, nor have it ended yet"

"...How old are you?"

"? U~mm, four years old if I'm not mistaken"

" " " "Four!?" " " "

Everyone was surprised, so I tilted my head.

"???"

"Haa~ That's why I told you that your thinking is weird for a four-year-old"

"Ah!... E~rr... umm"

When I get flustered, a laughter rose.

"Ha, ha, ha what a great Jouchan! You have not even flinched before us. Sorry about that, I tried something out because I thought things went wrong somewhere, but it's not like I'm resenting Jouchan or anything!"

"U~mm?"

"Ahh, I'm Carlos. This slit-eyed one is Ethan, the feminine one is Liam"

" "Best regards" "

"Please treat me well"

While I'm greeting the three, Leone and Chase talk to each other.

"So, what are we going to do from now on? If possible, I would like for everyone to escape, but..."

"I'm sorry... the door is locked, so I honestly don't... but, it seems that child has a plan"

"She?"

"Yes"

Saying such, the two—and everyone else who listened turned towards me.  
I spoke so everyone could hear me.

1. I will transfer outside with Chase and go to the meeting place.
2. Once we are there, I will transfer back to this room.
3. Then, I will transfer with everyone to the meeting place.

There was no reaction when I finished talking, so I asked Chase.

"What's wrong? Is something no good?"

"It's not no good! What is this transfer! Why have you not used it before!"

I talk back to Chase's angry words.

"It can't be helped! I can only transfer to a place I visited before!"

When we quarrel with each other, Carlos,

"No... we will hold you back, so we will remain"

I shouted at Carlos in irritation.

"That's why I will cure your legs! Be quiet and follow me!!"

" " " " "Eh?" " " " " "

# CHAPTER 12

## RESCUE 2

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Everyone keeps looking at me in silence.

(Huh? Why is there such reaction? Even though I only said that I would cure their legs)

I asked Chase once again.

"U~mm... what's with everyone? Did I say something weird?"

"That's why! You are... listen, okay? Wounds and illnesses can be more or less cured with magic or drugs. But, it's common sense that lost body parts can't be cured with magic"

"...Eh?"

"Well, there would be exceptions, though"

"...Then! I'm that exception!"

Chase stared at me because of my words.

"Ku... fufufu"

When I turn towards the laughter, Leone was laughing there.  
No, not only Leone, other people as well.

"Umm~ Leone... sama?"

"Ahh, sorry... fufu... your astounding statement, moreover Chase looked at you as if convinced that you could do it... I found it funny"

(Funny? Well, it's good that everyone is smiling, but)

"So... can you really cure it?"

"Yes... if the people themselves desire that"

I shift my attention to Carlos and others.

They were staring at me, but Carlos reacted first.

"...If... if you can really cure us, give it a go! Please!"

" "Us too!" "

The three said and lowered their heads.

"I will also request you, they are important people to me"

" " "Leone-sama..." " "

"I understand. Let's start right away"

I approach the three and cast magic on Carlos-san first.

"[Restoration]"

—*Paa*

When I cast the spell, the affected part was wrapped in light.

After a while when the light disappeared, a leg was there as before.

This [Restoration] magic can restore lost parts and destroyed things and costs 60 MP.

I made it when I was waiting for Chase.

"It's a leg... my leg is!"

Carlos was nearly crying while touching his leg all over.

"Is there any pain or uncomfortable feelings?"

When I ask, Carlos stands up, walks, and jumps to confirm.

"Unbelievable... it really got restored!"



"I'm glad——"

——*Waa~!*

My words were drowned in a sudden cheer.

I was embarrassed because everyone was saying 'amazing' or 'a miracle,' so I cast the spell on Ethan and Liam too.

When I turned towards Chase's wife and son, his wife thanked me.

"Pleased too meet you. My name is Selena. This is my son Will. Will, the greetings?"

"Nice to meet you... I'm Will..."

Saying such, Will hid behind Selena.

"Will... I'm sorry. Umm... that barrier from before was your doing, right? Thank you very much"

"Hello... I don't have a name, so I can't introduce myself. Please, don't worry about the barrier. Rather, I should be apologizing. I had stopped Chase from going to help when Will-kun got hit. I'm sorry for causing scary memories"

I lower my head to the two.

"Absolutely not!? Please, raise your head! If Chase appeared there, everyone wouldn't be able to stay safe..."

"Thank you very much.... I would like to heal the wounds of you two if possible, but"

"Me too?"

"Yes. I think I'd like to treat everyone before escaping... from the soldier's attitude, I thought that everyone must be injured, so... let's start with Will-kun"

"...Please treat us well. Will, let's heal the injuries, okay? Come..."

Being urged by Selena, Will timidly walks in front.

"Will-kun, show me your injuries for a bit, okay?"

"Un... will it hurt?"

"It won't! Then, stay still for a bit, okay... [Recovery]"

When I cast [Recovery], a warm light wraps around Will's body.

"Somehow... it feels pleasantly warm..."

When the light disappeared, all of his wounds were healed.

Following that, I heal Selena, and use [Recovery] on others as well. The medical treatment ended with everyone thanking me, and we begin talking about the escape.

"So, are you okay with my plan of escape?"

"Let's see... speaking of safety, I think it's currently the best one. How does Leone-sama think about it?"

"I also agree. What about everyone?"

Leone confirmed that everyone nodded then he turned towards me.

"However... that magic just now was amazing, are you okay on magical power?"

"There's no problem. I will say when I can't go anymore... by the way, can Carlos-san and others fight even without weapons?"

"Yeah, it's fine. We are Leone-sama's guards, so we are trained to fight no matter what the situation is!... Well, we have no persuasiveness in this mess of a situation, though..."

Carlos hung his head while saying such.

Surprised by such state, I asked Chase in a low voice.

"Ah!... U~mm, since they are guards, that means they are stronger than other people, right?"

"Of course they are, particularly Carlos as he's fast even with such body. There shouldn't be many people who can win against him"

After hearing Chase's answer, I asked Leone-sama next.

"Umm... Leone-sama"

"What's up?"

"Was Leone-sama abducted while with those three people?"

"Yeah, that's right.... I haven't told you before, but I'm Leone Trust, the First Prince of the Trust Kingdom"

"First Prince!?"

"Yeah, I'm sorry for not telling you before... I think I was on my way to my room on that day, but... Carlos, Ethan, Liam, what do you think?"

"Eh!?"

When I looked back, the three looked at me.

"I'm sorry Jouchan, thanks for the consideration... the situation behind the abduction is just as Leone-sama said. Ethan, what do you think?"

"Yeah... I was the one in the rear, but Leone-sama and Captain collapsed first. Isn't that right, Liam?"

"Yes! Then, Ethan who ran towards Leone-sama collapsed next... and then, I also lost my consciousness when I ran over"

From the information they told me, I could think only of one possibility.

(Going to his room, that means inside the castle, right? Moreover, Carlos-san collapsed together with Leone-sama... the other two couldn't resist too?)

"When did Chase and others notice that Leone-sama was abducted?"

"Next day around the noon... Leone-sama and the three didn't appear at breakfast, so the castle has been searched... that's why we were summoned for a night shift... during

that time, my family disappeared too"

"How were the others abducted?"

Carlos answers my question.

"I had confirmed this first when I woke up, but the people here are the family members of the guys serving in the castle, it appears they were delivering a change of clothes to the castle on the day we were abducted... it's nothing really unusual, you know?"

"It's not unusual?... Chase, Selena-san and Will-kun also came on that day, didn't they?"

"Yeah, it was like that for everyone on the night shift... I noticed that the family disappeared.... when I returned from the night shift"

(That means, if you know who is on the night shift, you can also predict who's family will come... this might not be good)

"Oi, what is it since a while ago?"

"...Chase... the people of the castle too... Leone-sama, your companions, and your family were abducted, so it can't be helped that you can't think straight, isn't it... or is it because you have absolute trust... I can see certain possibilities..."

" " " " "Certain possibilities?" " " " " "

"Right... One of them being, that this has been prepared for a long time, and this was done by someone stronger than Carlos-san and co. or someone that can deceive the surroundings with a skill or magic... the other one is... there's a possibility of a betrayer who led the invasion and abduction"

" " " " "Wha!?" " " " " "

Everyone was speechless by my words.

# CHAPTER 13

## RESCUE 3

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"I think... that the possibility of the latter is high"

Leone raised an objection to my words.

"Wait a moment! There's no way there's a betrayer! We, the Beastmen have stronger bonds than any race!!"

"....."

"Are you saying that someone from our companions... sold me, the prince of such race to the humans!?"

"....."

"Why... why does no one deny her words..."

Leone sat down, shocked that Chase and others weren't denying my words. Carlos matches the eyes of such Leone and speaks to him.

"Leone-sama... The bonds of Beastmen is certainly strong, and we cherish our companions... but, I can't say that it's like that for every Beastman"

"What do you mean?"

"To you, your family and citizens are important to you, right?"

"Naturally!"

"Thank you very much... then, for example, how about a Beastman you meet outside of our country? How about a Beastman that is living somewhere as a slave? Do you have such strong bonds like with your family or citizens... can you say that? Conversely, can you say that they think of you as an important existence?"

"...I don't know"

"That's it. Even if you think of someone as important, it doesn't necessarily mean that you are important to them... above all, you are the First Prince who is the candidate to become the next King. There are many people aiming for that position, and there are many factions"

Chase adds to the two's conversation.

"Certainly... when you think about it, those who are here are the family members of the First Prince's faction... it's almost as if they knew where the First Prince would be on that day... besides, the arrangements for the abduction were too perfect"

"Because... because of me..."

Carlos denies the words of Leone who blames himself.

"Leone-sama... it's not your fault by any means. This is the fault of those who thought to do such a thing"

"However..."

"What is the thing you should do now? Lament that this happened because of you?... Right now, shouldn't you be thinking how to escape with everyone and safely return to the country?"

"....."

Leone hung his head even further after hearing Carlos' words.

"Please, look around! Is someone here blaming you?"

Leone timidly looks around—everyone looks at Leone with a smile.

"!?... Everyone... I'm sorry... thank you"

Seeing the situation, I asked Carlos and others.

"Do Carlos and co. have any idea who the traitor could be?... Ah, you don't have to tell

me the name! I think it would be better to inform Leone-sama, though"

"...Well, I do have an idea"

"Is that so... Chase, how many people are standing on alert outside?"

"There are six people, in addition to five others who went to request for aid"

"Is there anyone among them who has connections to the traitor or is suspicious?"

"No, there's no one like that among the guys outside... but, all who requested the rescue are"

"Do they know about me? When are they returning?"

"Only those waiting outside know about you... as for when they are returning... that should be soon"

"!? Chase quickly use telepathy and confirm whether they have returned! If they have not returned, I want you to convey them (the guys outside) not to talk about me!"

"Alright! Wait a moment..."

After a short while, it looked like the conversation finished, so I inquired Chase.

"How was it?"

"Yeah, they haven't returned yet... I have instructed them, so it will be alright"

While we are talking, Leone asked.

"Why shouldn't they talk about you?"

"Even if we escape from here, it would be dangerous if there was someone suspicious in the rescue unit... however, they will be more careless if they won't know about my existence"

"I see... so, what are you going to do?"

"That's, you see... everyone, please gather up for a little"

I have everyone to gather and explain my future actions.



After a short while, I was on Chase's back in the forest near the mansion.

We have left the mansion using [Transfer] and [Stealth].

By the way, I have removed [Stealth] from Chase after entering the forest, so he's visible to the surroundings.

—Za, za, za, za

Seven silhouettes appear when Chase runs to the forest.

They appear to be Chase's subordinates, two of them approach Chase.

"Lyle! Roy! I made you wait... Lyle, is everyone here?"

"Everyone beside Roy and me are patrolling. Also... the five who went to call for aid have returned"

"Alright... Gais!"

Chase called the name of the leader of the five who went for help.

Gais and the other four ran over.

"Good work, everyone! Report"

"Ha! It's unfortunate, but it would take the rescue unit at least five days to arrive... they won't make it before the Feudal Lord's return"

He said with his body trembling.

" " " ..... " " "

Chase and the other two watched in silence.

Finding their attitude strange, Gais inquired.

"Um... Captain?"



"No, it's nothing... as I thought, we have to force our way in... what do you think, Lyle?"

"Captain... however, I'm anxious with only us. Just in case, it would be better to request for aid again... all five of them are exhausted, we should send different members this time"

"You're right... perhaps they would move faster... Lyle, at once——"

Just when Chase starts giving instructions to Lyle, Gais interrupts them.

"W, wait, please! Why are you going again! Do you not believe us!!"

The other four protest together with Gais.

Roy who saw that scolds the five people.

"What is that attitude towards Captain! Know your place!"

"Ku!... Excuse me... it's only that we have just returned, yet you are trying to send others to request aid, it sounded as if you didn't trust us, so unintentionally let it out"

Chase answered graciously as if he didn't mind it.

"What are you impatient for? They will arrive faster than planned if we also move faster, right? I think it wouldn't be difficult to break in if they make it in time"

"Gu..."

"Or do you perhaps have a reason you can't tell me?"

Chase asked with a quiet, emotion-suppressing voice.

"By no means!"

"Is that so? Which reminds me, I got a wind of a strange rumor during the infiltration, they were saying that the abduction was successful only thanks to a cooperation within the Trust Kingdom... what do you think, Gais?"

"!?... Why are you asking me?"

"Right... what do you guys think?"

Chase asked the four behind Gais, but the four just look at each other without being able to calm down and don't answer.

In the meanwhile, Lyle moves behind the four.

"If the talk about cooperator from inside is true... as soon as discovered, they will be tortured before reporting to King, their whole families will be executed... after all, the one among the abducted people is the First Prince"

When Chase made a threat, the four behind Gais start shivering, and started speaking as if competing.

"Wait a moment, Captain! I was just instigated by Gais!"

"Me too! I really didn't want to do it, but I was threatened by Gais!"

"I also tried to stop, but they said there will be a large sum of money!"

"I was told the person who will become the next King won't charge me for the crime——"

"You bastards, shut up!!"

Gais shouted at the four who ran their mouths,  
Chase then questioned Gais.

"I see... what do you think about the things the four said, Gais?... Are you guys the cooperators?"

"....."

Roy questions Gais who didn't answer.

"Why are you not answering? Silence will be regarded as affirmation, you know?"

"Ha! Kukkukku... Ha~haha!"

Gais suddenly burst into laughter, so the three became vigilant.

"What is so funny!"

"Kukukuku... No~ this is ridiculous, Captain... Torture and execution, you say?... How are you going to do that on those guys who will die now?"

Chase reacted to Gais' words.

"What?"

Gais ignores Chase and turns towards the four behind him.

"You bastards, what have you spilled it for! The plan has not finished yet!!"

The four regained their calmness after being shouted at by Gais.  
Chase asked Gais while staring directly at him.

"What plan are you talknig about? What the five of you are planning to do?"

"Certainly, there are only five of us, but we have companions back in the country, we also have a powerful backing! I will tell you this lastly! The First Prince and the family of his supporters who are currently in the mansion, you see... the Prince will be killed, and others will be sold as slaves. We will obtain great riches, and raise a coup d'état to make that person a king... the plan is for the rescue unit to kill everyone beside us"

" ....."

"Well, in truth, I wanted to kill you after letting you see your family being sold as slaves, but... change of plans. I will kill you now"

"Kill? Us?"

"Yeah, be relieved... after killing the three of you, we will also kill the five who are not here"

Saying such, Gais and others draw their swords and faced Chase and co.  
Chase and co. also drew their swords, but they lowered it because of Gais' next words.

"I will tell you this beforehand, but don't resist? If you do, I will contact the mansion via telepathy and have your son killed?"

"You bastard..."

Chase and co. glared at Gais, shaking in anger.

Just when Gais raised his sword overhead at Chase while broadly grinning, someone jumped from the side and assaulted Gais with a sword.

"Ora~!"

—*Giin*

"Gu... wh, why are you here! Carlos!"

# CHAPTER 14

## INTERROGATION

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"Why do you think? Gais!"

—*Gii~n*

Carlos repelled Gais' sword.

When Gais fell backward and heard groans, he turned backward at the four people and saw only Ethan and Liam standing.

"Even Ethan and Liam... What's going on! You should have been confined... no, before that, why do you have your legs!?"

Carlos answers Gais' question.

"That's because we have naturally escaped! Besides, we all had legs to begin with, you know?"

"Stop bullshitting me! I have certainly cut off your—"

"Hou... so it's you that cut off our legs... I hope you have made up your resolution"

Carlos and co. approach Gais with their swords pointed at him.

"!? Shit... don't move! I have no idea how the three of you managed to escape, but I will immediately contact the mansion! Stop moving if you understand!"

Carlos and others stop and ask Chase while lightly laughing.

"You heard him, Chase... what are you going to do?"

"Let's see... Gais, do as you please"

Gais opened his eyes wide after hearing Chase's words.

"Ha? I'm serious, you know! Do you now care what will happen to your family and the Prince!!"

"I told you to do as you please"

"Shit!"

{Oi, it's Gais! Can you hear me! Three beastmen have escaped!}

There was no reply to Gais' telepathy to the mansion.

"What's going on!? Once more——"

"It will be the same as many times you try... your voice won't reach"

Just as Gais was about to use telepathy again, a child's voice interrupted him.

——*Saku*——*saku*

When Gais turns his gaze towards the voice, something small with a hood covering its face approached and stopped next to Chase.

"A child!?... What are you!... What did you mean just now!"

"Just what I said. There's a special barrier around here, so not only will your telepathy not connect, even your voice won't reach outside. I'm... a magician who happened to be passing by"

"Impossible!? I have never heard of such barrier!"

"Then, give it one more try?... Well, even if you were successful, it would be meaningless"

"Meaningless, you say?"

"Yeah, that's right. It appears you don't understand the reason why Carlos-san and others are here... do you think they escaped only by themselves?"

"...Surely not!?"

—*Sakusaku*

At that time, someone approached Gais from behind.

"There really was a traitor... I didn't want to believe it"

When Gais heard that voice, he slowly looked back.

Looking at the owner of the voice, Gais opened his eyes wide and called his title.

"Prince..."

Lyle and Roy were by Leone's side with their swords prepared.

Chase asked Gais in order to find out the mastermind.

"Gais, who is that 'person' you talked about a while ago?"

"....."

Gais didn't answer, the silence went on.

Carlos who got tired of waiting hit Gais.

—*Doka*

"Cut the crap out! That plan of yours has failed!"

"....."

Because Gais wasn't talking even after getting hit, Carlos began talking about torture and Carlos approved.

"That's some loyalty you have there Gais... but, it's not like we can return to the country just like this, so we will make you talk with torture"

"That's right... Leone-sama, please return. Ethan, Liam, I leave him to you"

" "Ha!" "

Ethan and Liam lead Leone away.

Leone was silent, and his face couldn't be seen.

"Lyle, Roy, raise the four!!"

" "Yes!" "

The two did as told by Chase, lifted up the four one by one and tied them with ropes. Gais is restricted by Carlos.

"Now then, Carlos what do you think? Cut their legs off as they did?"

"That's half-assed! First, we break their bones one by one, and then———"

Gais and the four were shivered after hearing Chase's and Carlos' conversation, but they couldn't escape with Lyle and Roy behind them.

At that time, the magician spoke to the two, so Chase asked in wonder.

"Umm~ may I for a bit?"

"N? What's up?"

"Chase, Carlos-san too, we don't have that much time for torture, you know? We don't know when the guys from the mansion will notice"

Gais and the four were relieved by the magician's words, but Chase and co. weren't.

"That's right, but... we can't return to our country before knowing the mastermind"

"It's just as Chase says... if we return now, Leone-sama will be in danger"

"I know. Therefore, let's hear the information without taking too much time. It won't be late for sanctions after returning to the country, right?"

"But, how?"

"My, my, Chase, I have an idea. You two, come closer for a bit..."

"What?"



Beckoned by the magician, the two approached and crouched down.  
When the magician whispered something into their ears, the two nodded.  
After a short while when the conversation finished, the magician approached Gais and others.

"Thank you very much for waiting. We have come to an agreement. Therefore, I will accompany you from now on"

" " " " "Haa!?" " " " "

Gais and the four were startled by the magician's words and altered their gaze between Chase, Carlos, and the magician.  
But, Gais immediately started grinning.

"Ha! What can a brat like you do? It seems you are good at magic, but we won't talk no matter what"

"No... I will make you talk. Because..."

"Because what?"

"Kusu... because everyone holds his life precious, right? Moreover, you look loyal to that 'person'... but, what about the others?"

"Wha!?... Life, you say? What do you plan on doing!"

"Fufufu... wahahaha"

The tension of Gais and the four rises with the magician's sudden laughter.  
Although a child, the magician uses a never before seen magic, moreover, Chase's and Carlos's attitudes are composed, fanning the uneasiness of Gais and the others.

"What is funny!"

"Kusukusu... I'm sorry. When I thought about what I'm going to do now, I just... one question, how do I look to you guys?"

"...Just an ordinary brat"

"Then, that ordinary brat will now tell you her special skill. My special skill is not magic, you know?"

The magician approached even more and extended her little hand towards Gais.

"What?"

"My special skill.... is absorbing the life of those I touch"

—*Pita*

An abnormality happened to Gais' body when the magician touched Gais' forehead.

—*Zuzu*

"Wha!? My strength... what is..."

—*Batan!*

When Gais feebly falls to the ground, the other four who saw that start screaming.

"Hii!"

"Wait, please! I will talk!"

"I don't want to die... I don't want to die..."

"Monster!"

"You don't have to be so frightened, I won't kill you if you talk... you will talk, right?"

Because the magician asked with her hand extended, the four repeatedly nodded their heads.

The four started speaking to Chase, but the magician threatened them again just in case.

"If what you said to Chase and others are lies... I will have you confined to become my feed"

When the magician said while reaching out her hand, the four immediately replied.

"They are not lies!"

" " "That's right!" " "

When the magician looks at Chase and Carlos, the two nod, so the magician looks back at the four.

As the four were watching the magician, her figure suddenly disappeared, and a child's voice resounded from the back.

"Then, good night for a while"

The four's consciousness fades, and they soon get swallowed by darkness.

# CHAPTER 15

## COMPLETING THE FIRST STAGE

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The magician—I take off the hood and smile at Chase and Carlos.

"Fu~ it somewhat went smoothly, didn't it!"

Then, Chase looks at me with tired eyes and sighs.

"You... haa~"

Carlos clapped on his shoulder while holding back his laughter.

"Kuku... yeah, it went smoothly"

When I tilt my head to the side, finding the two's behavior strange, Lyle comes and approaches Chase.

"Captain! Carlos-san too! Please, properly explain this! Suddenly appearing in front of us, letting the five go to request for the aid, disappearing again, telling us through telepathy "no matter what happens now, pretend to be calm and composed," I understood that Gais and others had betrayed us, but just what is going on!?"

"C, calm down, Lyle"

Chase tried to calm down Lyle, but then Roy approached with a smile on his face.

"That's right, Lyle. Captain and co. will give a proper, convincing explanation. For example... for example, the reason for making this little, adorable child doing something so dangerous... right, Captain?"

—Zoku

Chills ran through my back even though that smile was directed towards me.

(Hii! His eyes are not smiling at all... Chase is... ah, he's subtly trembling... is Roy-san

fond of children? He's worried about me... nevertheless, there are many good-looking people among the beastmen, aren't there?)

Lyle has a short hair and a refreshing, athletic feeling, he's a wolf person just like Liam. Roy is a pretty person with a shoulder-length hair tied behind, he's a fox person like Chase. Ethan is a black panther, Carlos a white tiger. Leone is a lion.

(Still, they look so mofumofuably pleasant~ I wonder if it's no good to touch them)

While thinking about such things, Chase spoke to me.

"O~i, may I a bit?"

"What's the matter?"

As I trotted over, Roy dropped on his knee and bowed his head.

"Once again, I'm Roy. Thank you very much for your cooperation during this matter"

"Ah, please raise your head!"

When I was feeling flustered, Lyle came and lowered his head too.

"I also want to express my gratitude... thank you"

"Umm, it's really alright"

When I was troubled, not knowing what to do, Carlos came to the rescue.

"Oi, oi, leave it at that. Jouchan is troubled, you know?"

" "Yes" "

First of all, we spoke about Chase's and my negotiations, the search for the hidden room, about everyone's medical treatment and about the doubts of a traitor.

"What to say..."

"That's quite extraordinary, so what happened next?"

"Ask that this fellow. We have moved as this fellow said, after all"

When Chase says so, the two turned their gazes towards me.

"U~mm, you see——"

Let's go back in time a little——

"Everyone, please gather up for a little"

When I say so, the beastmen gather around me.

"In case the five who went to request aid are connected to the traitor... at worst, it's likely that the aid won't come"

——*Zawaa*

Unrest ran through the beastmen, but Chase and Carlos agreed.

"Certainly... if I were in their position, I would pretend to go for the help and make up excuses that the aid can't come... what do you think? Carlos"

"Yeah, it will be probably like that... say, Jouchan. Do you have any ideas?"

"Yes... but, in order to succeed, cooperation of everyone here and the six people outside is necessary"

"Say it! I want to return back with everyone... for that reason, I will cooperate with anything!"

"Leone-sama... alright"

When I looked around, everyone was nodding, so I explained the plan.

"First, as planned at first, Chase and I will go towards the meeting place. If possible, I would like to secure a safe, spacious place on the way. After joining up, we will leave behind few people while the others will go request for aid. Then, after returning to this room and transferring everyone to the safe place, and after confirming whether

the five who went to ask for the aid returned, Chase and I will go towards the meeting place once again, and obtain information regarding the traitor from them... how about it?"

"It certainly is a good plan, but there's a problem, Jouchan"

"I know... in order to hear the information, we have to do it before the relief aid the five went to get arrives... it's a game against time... therefore, Chase"

"Yeah, let's hurry... Leone-sama, everyone, I understand your anxiety, but this is the only chance we have... won't you entrust this to us?"

Everyone powerfully nodded while looking at us.  
Then, Leone-sama said.

"Thank you both"

"Ha!"

"Yes"

At that time, Will pulled on Chase's clothes and called out to him.

"Otousan, are you going?"

Chase got on his knees and patted Will's head.

"Yeah, I will definitely return... let's return to our country with everyone"

"Un! Otousan, Oneechan too, be careful, okay?"

"...Ou"

"Thank you, Will-kun"

(He said Oneechan! Will-kun is so cute~ I want to mofumofu him~ I should ask him when this matter ends—)

"Oi... we should go"

Chase spoke to me, interrupting my thoughts.

When I looked at Chase, he was looking at me with a tired expression.

(No way... were my thoughts exposed!?)

"R, right! Then, let's go... [Stealth]... [Transfer]"

While everyone was surprised at our disappearance, I immediately warped us out of the room.

—*Shun*

At the same time we left the room, I extended the scope of "Search" that I have been using all the time in order to grasp the location of the five people.

{Chase, the five are still slightly far away and they are not moving, let's hurry up without a delay}

{Alright! Here, hold on tightly}

Saying such, Chase crouched and piggybacked me.

Because we have safely left the mansion, I tried asking Chase.

{Say, are we perhaps entering the forest?}

{Yeah, although I say forest, this is not the "Magic Forest," so it's relatively safe}

{Ah! Chase, stop!}

Chase immediately stopped and cautiously looked around.

{What's wrong? Is there something around? I don't feel any signs, though...}

{Sorry, that's not it... can you go over there for a bit?}

After I point with my left hand while saying, Chase moves there.

When we advance a little, there was an open space location with a little pond.



{How about making this place the evacuation site?}

{Let's see... there's water and the surroundings are easy to see... but, that being the case, they would be in a plain sight}

{In that case, I will use my barrier. Furthermore, they won't be visible if I use "Stealth"}

{That, huh... it should be fine then. Okay! Let's move them here}

Because we have decided on the evacuation site, we began running towards the meeting place.

After a short while, we have seen beastmen, so I used "The Mind's Eye" to confirm just in case, but only Chase's comrades were among them.

{There they are... undo the magic}

{Alright... dispel}

"Everyone, sorry for making you wait!"

When Chase calls out to them, everyone gets surprised.

"Captain!?"

"Eh? Since when?"

—*Zawazawa*

Someone shouted in a loud voice during the ruckus.

"Be quiet!! Captain isn't able to speak!!"

(So loud! My ears...)

I covered my ears to keep the voice down.

"You be quiet! Bard!"

"Ha!! I'm sorry!!"

(Haa~ He's not listening... is this person a musclehead?)

"Haa~... I wonder why you are the vice captain"

"I'm honored to receive your praise!!"

"I wasn't praising you..."

Chase muttered exhaustedly.

As for me, I repeated Chase's words.

(Who is the vice captain? Surely not... is it this muscle—this person?)

"...Eh!?"

(This person is the vice captain!? Normally, it's a person who supports the captain, so wouldn't a composed... he has the captain effect no matter how I look)

Because I unconsciously ended up shouting, everyone noticed me.

"Umm... Captain"

"Yeah, let me introduce you... this is the cooperator I have talked about"

Because Chase lowered me down, I took off my hood and bowed my head.

"How do you do! Please treat me well"

I raise my head because there was no reaction. Everyone was looking at me with their eyes wide open.

I tilted my head and looked at Chase.

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"???"

Chase ignored the subtle mood and gave instructions.

"Ah~ There's no time, so I will have you do as instructed without asking any questions, listen well! I have a suspicion that Gais and others who went to request aid betrayed us... therefore, Lyle and Roy will stay behind while others will immediately go to request aid!"

" " " " "Wha!?" " " " " "

"Cap, Captain!"

"No questions! There's no time, so hurry up! Take a different route, so you don't bump into those guys!"

" " " "Ha!" " " "

The four people prepare in panic and start running.

"Roy and Lyle stay behind, follow us, so those guys won't notice you"

" "Ha!" "

"Yosh! We will temporarily return"

" "Haa?" "

Because Chase looked at me, I grasped his clothes.

"[Transfer]"

—*Shun*

"Nuo!? That was so sudden, don't surprise me like that, Jouchan"

It appears we have transferred right in front of Carlos.

"So? How did it go, Chase?"

"I gave out the orders... all that's left is for everyone to escape and wait for those guys"

"I see..."

Carlos's, Ethan's, and Liam's eyes were glittering.

"Well then, let's go. Everyone, please join your hands and form a circle"

A circle was formed as instructed, but everyone looked uneasy.

"Don't worry. It will be over in an instant... if you are scared, close your eyes"

When I say so, everyone but Chase closed their eyes.

Right, everyone except Chase.

"Carlos, Ethan, Liam... you are guards, aren't you?"

" " "Uu" " "

"...Then, we are going... [Transfer]"

—*Shun*

We have transferred to the evacuation site.

"Everyone, please open your eyes"

What everyone saw after opening their eyes was a different scenery.

"Have we really go outside?"

"That's right, Leone-sama"

—*Wow~*

It appears everyone can't contain their excitement.

I immediately form a "Barrier" and used "Stealth", so they would be invisible to the surroundings.

"Oi everyone, I understand that you are happy, but lower your voices"

Everyone abided by Chase's caution.

I have confirmed the target's situation, but because they weren't moving yet, I explained to everyone that they can't be seen from the surroundings and decided to rest for a while.

The children fell asleep and adults rested their bodies while sitting.

I confirmed using "Search" again.

There, Chase approached.

"Is there movement?"

"They are not moving yet"

"Then, lie down for a bit... if you take out the map, we will watch it"

"But..."

Because I was reluctant when Chase told me to rest, he lifted me up and started walking.

"Waa!? Chase?"

"I'm telling you it's fine... take out the map"

I took out the map in front of Chase.

"Will it stay even if you are not conscious?"

"Un. If set like that"

"Then, do it"

"Alright"

I changed the settings at once.

"Selena, let this fellow rest with you"

"Yeah, of course... come next to Will, your head here, place it on my lap"

"Umm..."

While bewildered about my current situation on Selena's lap, she gently stroked my hair, gradually making me lose my consciousness.

—*Suu~ Suu~*

"Is she asleep?"

"Yeah... even though she's still so little... rest even if for a bit, okay?"

Selena's face was full of affection, but her voice was somewhat sorrowful.

"...I'm leaving her to you, Selena"

After a short while,

"Oi... wake up please"

—*Pachi*

When I open my eyes, Chase was looking at me.

I raised my body and asked.

"Did they move?"

"Yeah... can you go?"

"I'm fine. Selena-san, thank you very much"

"Don't worry about it... you two, be careful, okay?"

"Ou" "Yes"

We have gone to Leone-sama and others, told them what's going to happen from now on, I transferred the two of us to the forest's entrance, casted "Stealth" just on myself, and run towards the meeting place.

# CHAPTER 16

## UNIQUE SKILL

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It appears that the five who went to request the aid have returned while we were on the way.

{Chase, it looks like they have returned}

{Understood}

The atmosphere around Chase got heavier, so I unconsciously increased strength in the hand that was grabbing Chase's clothes.

{It's okay... it will go smoothly}

{Un}

While talking the beastmen came into sight, so Chase gave instructions to Lyle and Roy who stayed behind.

{Lyle, Roy, hear me out... no matter what happens from now on, pretend to stay calm and composed and follow up after us... alright!?!}

{Ro, roger}{Understood}



{... Chase... it's time to go}

{Alright... you move as according to the plan, okay?}

{Un}

I transferred back to Carlos-san and others and told them about Gais. Because the number of the opponents is large, Carlos-san, Ethan, and Liam are needed too.

There won't be anyone to protect the people left, but the "Barrier" is set up and if something really does happen, we will be contacted via telepathy and "Transfer" back.

"I see... let's go Ethan, Liam"

" "Ha!" "

Before we could leave, Leone-sama stopped us.

"Wait! I want you to take me with you as well"

"It's dangerous! Leone-sama"

"I understand that... but, I want to confirm it with my own eyes... please"

Carlos looked at Leone-sama with a strict gaze, but Leone-sama returned a serious gaze without pulling back.

"...I understand. However, please follow our instructions at any time. Is that agreeable?"

"Of course... thank you"

Because they have come to an agreement, I transferred us near to Chase and others, and Gais just about to swing his sword at Chase.

Because Carlos moved before I could form a "Barrier", I developed "Space-time Barrier" around the surroundings instead.

While Carlos was keeping Gais company, Ethan and Liam defeated the other four.

(The Prince's guards are really strong, huh)

Gais tried using the other beastmen in confinement as a shield, but his telepathy didn't go through the "Space-time Barrier".

Because Lyle and Roy came to Leone-sama's side, I decided to stand in front of Gais. Because I saw panic when Gais' telepathy didn't connect, I have assumed it wouldn't be possible for him to use the Prince and the families as his shield.

However, as Gais wouldn't talk even as Leone-sama appeared, Chase and co. decided to send Leone-sama back, so they could interrogate them.



{Oi, you return as well}

Chase gave instructions, but after thinking it over for a while, I beckoned Chase and Carlos over.

Because the two immediately approached and crouched down, I conveyed my thoughts.

{I will speak to you through telepathy, so pretend to be nodding}

The two nodded.

{I also said it before, but we don't have time. When it becomes morning, and they bring in the food, we will be exposed}

{That's right, but... what do you want to do, Jouchan}

{I will use my skill}

{{SKill?}}

{Chase knows it... you have personally experienced it, in the basement}

{?... That thing!}

{What is it about, Chase?}

{Yeah, when I lifted up this fellow, I suddenly grew weak... I later confirmed my status. My HP and MP decreased}

{Wha, is that the truth!?!}

{Anyhow, please follow up after me! Keep the calm attitudes, okay!}

Saying such, I approached Gais and others.

(What I'm going to use on Gais, and others now is the "Life Absorption"... truthfully, I didn't want to use this in front of Chase and others)

I spoke to Gais without hesitating.

(First, I will have Gais faint... the other four should confess)

I reached my hand towards Gais' forehead and activated the absorption to the very limit.

When Gais fainted, the four thought he died and started talking.

After that, I left it to the two, transferred to a place further away and thought again about what they said.

"Monster."

(It's a convenient skill to me, but it would be scary for the other party, wouldn't it... because it sucks the life... Chase and others surely...)

Because I was about to cry, I bit my lip, but I didn't realize that Chase and Carlos saw that.

Apparently, they heard from the four about the mastermind, so I made them faint just like Gais.

Even if they wake up, they shouldn't have any strength for resistance.

Lyle and Roy asked about the happenings until now, so Chase talked, and I joined him. After the talk had finished, Lyle and Roy looked at me.

"At any rate, to be able to use magic like that at that age"

"That's right. I heard it was a skill that made Gais and others faint, but what skill was that?"

I clogged to answer Roy's question.

"Umm, that was..."

(What to do... would it be better if I answered?)

At that time, a big hand gently stroked my head, and I opened my eyes wide at Chase who was smiling.

"Roy, prying into other's skills is against the rules, you know?"

"It's as Chase says, Roy. We were able to obtain information thanks to Jouchan... that's

enough, right?"

I hung my head down again because tears were about to fall because of the two's words.

(Even though both of them know about the skill...)

"Captain, Carlos-san... you're right... I'm sorry about that"

Saying such, Roy lowered his head, so I told him not to mind it.  
While thinking of returning, I heard something.

"——tain!!——ned!!"

"N?"

When I looked around restlessly, Chase sighed deeply.

"Haa~ Why is that guy... my head hurts"

The other three shook their heads with a good grief feeling.

It appears they know who that is.

When the voice approaches and becomes clear, I also got exhausted within my heart.

"Captain!! We have just returned!!"

Right, Bard and co. have returned.

# CHAPTER 17

## RETURN

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Bard and co. have safely returned, but Chase asked Bard because he thought they returned too quickly.

"You, can't you be quiet... oh well, you have returned quite fast, did something happen?"

"Ha!! As a matter of fact, we have come in contact with the scouting party of the rescue unit!! The rescue unit is waiting on the rocky road that leads from here to the Kingdom!!"

"Really!? They have come quite close, didn't they?"

"I was told that Prime Minister-sama had suspicions of traitors and immediately reported to His Majesty who sent out the unit at once!! It seems the traitors were caught after internal investigation!!"

"As expected"

Chase who was praising Bard for a job well done stiffened with his next words.

"Also, I have a message for Captain and Carlos-sama from Prime Minister!!"

" "Eh!?" "

(Hee~ the Prime Minister looks like a sharp and able person... nevertheless, Carlos... sama? Even though Lyle-san and others call him 'Carlos-san')

When I wondrously look at Carlos, he was shaking... Chase too.

(???)

"First, Captain!! 'Although I told you to wait until we unravel as much as details as possible and then you plunge straight into the enemy's trap in spite, how pathetic!

Prepare yourself for re-training once you return!' That's it!!"

Chase turned pale, and his eyes died.

(He came on his own!? But, Selena-san and Will-kun were among the abducted people, he would be worried)

"Carlos-sama!! 'How pathetic of you, the Prince's Captain guard to let an abduction happen within the castle! I will re-train you when you return too! Prepare yourself, my stupid younger brother!' That's all!!"

Carlos too turned pale with his eyes dead.

(Is the Prime Minister a scary person... he even called Carlos-san a stupid younger brother... stupid younger brother... younger brother!? Carlos-san is the Prime Minister's younger brother!?)

I was so surprised I unconsciously looked at Carlos-san a second time.  
Since the rescue unit is nearby, I suggested that it would be better quickly join with others.

"Umm~ Shall I return and transfer everyone here? Or should I go to the place where the rescue units is, and then transfer all of you there at once?"

" " " " ? " " " "

Bard and the other three were looking at me who made such proposal curiously, but Chase and Carlos who recovered and Lyle and Roy seemed to be considering.

"Wouldn't it be safer to take Jouchan there and transfer everyone at once? Chase"

"Certainly, the injuries were healed, but there are children, so we would move slowly"

"Then, who will take her? Captain"

"First of all, the unit would be startled if everyone suddenly appeared without an explanation"

"That being the case, Chase should be fine"

"Yup" "That's right"

"... Well, you're right"

Because they have come to an agreement, Chase turned his back towards me and crouched down.

"We are off, so you guys make sure to explain to everyone"

After saying that, Chase started running.

Because there was something I wanted to say to Chase, I decided to say it now.

"Chase... thank you"

"For what? Hold tightly, so you don't fall off"

"Un"

(I also have to convey my thanks to Carlos-san later)

I tightly grasped Chase's clothes.

After running for a while, the rocky road came to sight, so I used "Search" and there were beastmen reactions, so I told Chase.

"Chase, they seem to be under that big rock on your right-hand side"

"Yosh, let's take a look... make sure you are not visible"

"Alright... [Stealth]"

I concealed myself just as Chase said.

Then, Chase fixed me on his back one more time and started running again.

A voice resounded when we got closer to the big rock.

"Stop! Who are you!"

"I'm the Captain of the Trust Kingdom's Operative unit, Chase! I would like to see the person in charge!"

When Chase named himself, a man appeared.

"Captain Chase!? You were safe... this way please"

The man guided Chase to one of the tents.

When Chase entered, there was a man with a large build showing his back.

"Geeh!? Why are you here!"

"Good work. Return to your post"

"Ha!"

He sent the man who guided us back, slowly turned around and grinned after seeing Chase.

"That's quite the greeting, Chase... did Bard convey my message?"

"I only heard from Bard that you have returned to the kingdom! Why are you here!"

"Why do you think?"

As soon as the man approached Chase, he extended his hand, grabbed Chase's head and put strength into it.

"That hurts!? Hey, wait a moment!"

"What's wrong? This is the head that doesn't understand people's words, right... huh?"

When even more power was put in, Chase couldn't endure and shouted.

"I'm sorry!! I properly understand! Please, forgive me!!"

"Oh well... we will continue later"

When the man removed his hand, Chase sat down.

"Shiit~..."

After watching Chase like that, he opened his mouth.

"What are you carefreely sitting for? Report at once"

"..... Haa~"

Chase sighed out, stood up and gave a report.

"I have a request before reporting"

"What's with that formality... it's gross"

Chase continued with his mouth twitching.

"Everything you are going to see and hear, I want you to keep it for yourself"

While being stared at by the man, Chase made a request.

"...Fine. Speak"

"Thank you very much... you can remove it"

"Who are you talking to?"

I removed "Stealth" as told.

Chase lowered me down, and I removed my hood after standing next to him.

The man opened his eyes wide in surprise.

"Since when was she here!? I haven't felt any signs!"

"From the beginning... Well~ I saw something valuable... kuku"

When Chase started laughing, the man narrowed his eyes and reached out his hand again, so he introduced me in a hurry.

"Wait! This fellow is the Bailey's House's daughter... I told you to wait, didn't I!"

When Chase spoke of my identity, the man narrowed his eyes dangerously, so I got



frightened and hid behind Chase.

"Why is the enemy's daughter here? If you don't give me a reasonable answer, I won't let you off, Chase!"

"I will speak, so calm down! Pull back your bloodthirst! She's still just a child, you know!"

While grasping Chase's clothes and trembling, the bloodthirst was removed.

"What are you misunderstanding... that bloodthirst was directed at you, Chase"

"Me!? Anyhow, listen... this fellow certainly is the daughter of the Bailey House, but she was born as an existence to be removed, so she was confined in the basement all this time. Recently, she was experimented on with poison and drugs... I got to know her skill when I was bringing her food, so I asked her to search for the hidden room in exchange for helping with her escape... we were saved many more times with her skills and magic... that's why, everyone was able to safely escape"

"...That's hard to believe"

"You will hear the same no matter who you ask... Prince and Carlos... Carlos', Ethan's, and Liam's severed legs have been restored by this fellow as well"

"What!?... I see, that's why you requested that a while ago... severed legs can't usually be restored... moreover, at this age"

While silent with my head hung down, the man crouched down and placed his hand on my head.

When my shoulders jump in a startle, the man spoke while slowly stroking my head.

"Sorry for making you scared... please, forgive me"

When I raise my head in a surprise, the tears that I was holding back spilled when I saw the man's gentle smile.

"Our country's Prince, our brethren, and... my stupid younger brother, I thank you for saving them"

"Gusu... stupid younger brother?... Hiku... Prime Minister-sama?"

"Ah, you know? Let me introduce myself, I'm Steven, the Prime Minister of the Trust Kingdom"

"How do you do... gusu... I'm in the middle of deciding my name"

"...I see, let me know once you decide"

"Yes"

Because I was still unsettled, Chase lifted me up and comforted me.  
I have considerably calmed down after having my back tapped.  
Steven who was watching said in ridicule.

"What Chase, looks like your children have multiplied... If I'm not mistaken, Will is about the same age?"

"Shut up... he's two years older than this fellow, he's six"

"Now then, let's continue now that we have calmed down"

"Who's fault do you think it is..."

(I have been thinking for a while, but is it okay for Chase to be talking with the Prime Minister so casually?)

While pondering, Chase talked about the transfer.

"—That being the case, we will join up with everyone here"

"She really is out of the norm... I understand, but wait for a moment. I will immediately make the preparations for return"

When Steven said so and left, Chase looked at me with a serious expression and spoke.

"Hey, I have a request"

"W, what's the matter?"

"Don't tell Carlos that this fellow is here"

"Why?"

"That's..."

"That's?"

"That's because a surprise attack just against me is unfair! I will let Carlos suffer as well!"

"..."

I was so shocked my words didn't come out.

(Even though you were a reliable father just a little while ago... children, huh...)

In the meanwhile, Steven returned.

"Right now, the preparations to return are underway, but if possible, rather than transferring directly here, could you transfer slightly further away?"

"That's fine"

"Why to do something so troublesome"

"...You don't want to spread news about this child, right?"

" "Ah!" "

"It's like that... Cha~s~e?"

Steven was amazed of Chase not being aware.  
Chase explained in panic.

"I knew! Really!"

"Seriously... then, I will leave it to you"

" "Yes!" "

—*Shun*

We have returned to everyone.

# CHAPTER 18

## PARTING

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—*Shun*

"Nuo!? Again!"

When we transfer, we appear right before Carlos-san again.

"We have just talked about the happenings so far to Bard and others"

"Alright... had Gais and co. awoken?"

"No, not yet... how did it go?"

"Yeah, everything is all right... everyone, hear me out! Right now, the rescue unit is making preparations to return, so we will transfer in a little bit... but, before that, I have a request"

"What is it, Chase?"

Leone-sama asks on behalf of everyone.

"Yes... I think that everyone understands, but this time's escape was possible only thanks to this child"

Everyone nods to Chase's words.

"However, this child's power is special... if this child's power becomes known, danger will approach her... therefore, I would like to ask you to pretend that we were saved by cooperation from a magician who we coincidentally met"

I was surprised by Chase's request.

"That's certainly... did you let the rescue unit know?"

"No, we only spoke to the person in charge... he too agreed"

"I see... I agree with Chase! How about everyone?"

When Leone asked to confirm, everyone nodded.

I don't know whether the children understand, but it will somehow work out.

"Everyone... thank you very much"

I conveyed my gratitude and bowed my head.

"We are the ones who should be saying thanks... I thank you from the bottom of my heart"

"Well then, we will transfer ten minutes from now on, so please rest until then"

Everyone was happy and smiling at each other, so I told Chase before it's too late.

{Chase, can I for a little?}

{What's up?}

{Anone... I think of parting once I transfer everyone}

{That's... already decided?}

{Un}

{I understand... in that case, I will give you the information and map of the Dienes Republic}

Saying such, he handed me a paper.

{Thank you, Chase}

{That's my line... thanks}

After Chase had patted my head, we returned to Selena-san and others.

Since the time has come, I had everyone join hands and make a circle, and talked

before transferring to the place.

I decided to convey my thanks to Carlos-san through telepathy.

{Carlos-san, thank you very much about the skill}

{Don't worry about it... I'm thankful as I could only wait for death if not for Jouchan... well, it will be difficult after returning to the country, though}

I felt guilt after hearing Carlos-san's last words.

(Uu, what to do about Prime Minister-sama...)

I hesitated whether to speak about the Prime Minister matter, but I was told by Chase, so I decided not to speak about it in the end.

{Umm... Carlos-san... I'm sorry}

{About what?}

—*Shun*

I pretended not to hear and transferred us.

Because we have safely transferred, everyone was surprised and thanked me when I conveyed that we will be parting here, but Will burst in tears.

"No! I want to be with Oneechan! Uwa~n"

"Will-kun!? Don't cry"

Chase spoke to Will refused to part while crying.

"Will... O, Oneechan has a place she wants to go, so don't trouble her... in the first place, this child is younger than yo—ouch!"

When I look in surprise at Chase who suddenly shouted in pain while remonstrating Will, Selena was stamping on his foot.

(Uwaa... looks painfull)

"Chase, don't say something unnecessary! Will, Oneechan won't go with us, but it's not like you won't meet her again"

"Gusu... really?"

He asked while looking at me, so I powerfully nodded and answered with a smile.

"Of course! It wouldn't be possible immediately, but I will contact you if you calm down, okay?"

"Un!"

When Will's crying face turns into a smile, Chase handed me a paper.

"???"

When wondering what it is, he explained.

"It's our contact address... write letters and send them there"

"Okay!"

While happily grinning, Chase spoke to me via telepathy.

{I will tell you this just in case, but contact us via telepathy if something happens! I will do that too... I will inform Selena, so if you have something to ask, don't hesitate to contact us! Also, make sure not to expose the telepathy to Will, okay! If you don't, it will be incessant... Also, be careful of getting kidnapped! Your face is fine, so you will sell right away! Understand!??}

{I, I understand...}

When I took a step backward from Chase's vigor, Will was looking at me in wonder and Selena was happily smiling.

"Well then... see you again"

When I said that and tried to transfer, Carlos called out to me.



"Wait a moment Jouchan. What did you mean earlier?"

"Umm... that's"

I took a glance at Chase, he was grinning at Carlos.

"Carlos-san... my condolences"

"Ha? What do you mean!?"

"Well then, goodbye!"

I transferred to run away.

At that time, I have a feeling I heard Carlos' voice coming to a halt and Chase's laughter.



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